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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for taking the time last week to complete the questionnaire on remote learning. We were very happy to read the positive comments about how well it is working for many of you and we also know there is more we can do to enhance learning for our children.

Several common themes came through from the survey and we aim to act on these in the coming weeks. We were pleased to see positive feedback on our overall approach and will continue to build on this success:

- A clear structure to the day.
- Children working with their own class teacher in a 'virtual' classroom with their classmates and interacting in a way that is closer to being in school.
- Availability of the teacher so that children can ask for help on tasks.
- Live lessons and interaction that is more engaging than pre-recorded lessons.
- Expectations about workload that are realistic both during the sessions and with follow-up tasks and activities.

We also had some helpful suggestions about how we might develop the learning experience and we will be exploring these further, particularly:

- Asking children to submit work, so they are motivated to complete it to the best of their ability and to boost self-esteem.
- Variation in the foundation subjects being taught to help keep children interested and engaged.
- Setting extension tasks that children can access when they complete work.

We will write again to keep you informed as we finalise our plans in response to your feedback.

In the meantime, we know that circumstances change from time to time and want to remind anyone who is having difficulty accessing the remote learning to get in touch in confidence to see how we might help.

With thanks and best wishes

Mr Richards, Ms Christopher and Mr Tang