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Dear Parents

I really want to personally thank you for all that you are doing in these very difficult times. I understand that many of us are feeling overwhelmed by all that is going on. Managing the home learning can be an added pressure so I wanted to write to hopefully, provide you with some reassurance.

At Weaverthorpe, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Laud and I are continuing to review and refine what we are sending home. We hope that you find it useful – but I totally understand that what works for one family and child, may not be so for another family or child. As we have now heard that schools are not to return for most pupils until Monday 8th March at the earliest, the teachers and I will continue to develop our remote learning provision to try our best to find the best ways to support you and your children at home. I do fully understand how difficult it is to be supporting your children with their learning at home. You might have noticed that we have slightly reduced the amount of work we are sending home for the time being as feedback from some parents indicated that there was a lot for the children to manage in one day. We hope that you will find this helpful – but that it will not reduce the quality of provision or prevent children making good progress. On a personal note, I am very grateful that my own children are the other side of school age and I do not have to juggle remote learning with everything else!

I would though like to make it clear that these are such challenging times that the mental wellbeing of our whole school community must be paramount.

As teachers, we are learning as we go along as you are. We are working very hard and I continue to be proud of the entire team. Whilst we continue to encourage you to support your children to do as much of the work that is sent out as possible, I would also say that there will be some days where this might not be possible. If this is the case – please do not feel under any pressure. Stop the work, let your children play and take some time out.

I am also trying to encourage our school staff to remember the importance of their own mental well being too. We have been so grateful for all the positive comments about the work we are sending and the communication between home and school. But as I have said, we know that there are always elements we can develop. Therefore, if any of you have any suggestions to help with the remote learning at home, I would be grateful for any feedback. Please email admin@weaverthorpe.n-yorks.sch.uk and Mrs Mitchell will forward these on to me.

Schools are definitely open at the moment – so do feel free to contact us if you need us. Let me know if you would like me to give you a call – to chat or to catch up about how things are going. I want you to know that we are here to support you as best we can.

I hope that you can all make the best of the weekend. I will be walking my dogs which at the moment is the highlight of my down time!

Very best wishes

Rachel Ray