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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope your families are safe and well and looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend! The staff at our school continue to send their best wishes and we are very much looking forward to getting back to some form of normality; as soon as it is safe to do so. As you will be aware, the government is due to make an announcement soon regarding the UK's exit plan. We may have more information after this weekend regarding schools re-opening, and as always, I will keep you informed of any updates as they occur.

Home Learning

As promised, during our last communication, we have made new resources for you and your children to complete over the next few weeks. These resources are project/activity based and designed to consolidate learning across multiple subjects. We are very conscious that some families may not have completed the learning packs we have already sent out – and that is absolutely fine! I will continue to emphasise that we do not expect children to complete everything we send. It is at the discretion of parents/carers to decide on 'a best fit' approach and one that suits their current home life. As you will see, there are lots of activities for the children to complete either on their own or with family and friends; much like the Easter activities sheets we provided you with. By organising work in this way it allows children time to finish off any of the resources in the learning packs at their own pace, whilst providing alternative activities to keep them engaged and happy – that is the most important aspect of our work during this lockdown period. I can assure you that when the schools re-open we will be working hard with every child to make up for any lost learning and to ensure they seamlessly get back into routines with the teachers that care dearly for them.

All of the new resources we have made for you will be on the school websites on Monday 11th May. You can download them and access them via laptop, mobile phone or iPad. Alternatively, if you would like paper packs provided please contact admin@orchardhead.patrust.org.uk and we will get one prepared for you which you then can collect at a convenient time. Included in the new resources we are providing are 'time capsule diaries'. We would love for your children to bring their 'time capsule diaries' into school to share with their teachers on their return. Everyone is now part of an historical event and, over time, we should reflect on how we stayed together, stayed strong as a community and looked after each other.

Finally, a reminder of the new arrangements from Monday 11th May following the communication from the CEO Julian Appleyard this week. The provision for primary aged children of key workers and those children who may be vulnerable is:

De Lacy Primary School: for pupils of De Lacy and The Rookeries Junior, Infant and Nursery School.

Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School: for pupils of Halfpenny Lane, Carleton Park Junior and Infant School, Larks Hill Junior and Infant School, and Orchard Head Junior, Infant and Nursery School.

As always, if there is anything else we can do to help you and your family please do not hesitate to get in touch; stay safe and take care

Tom Fay
Executive Director of Primary Education