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Dear Parents

How are you getting along at home?

Well done for making it through Week 1!

How we yearn to be at home when we're working hard and feeling our energies draining away. We long for a safe haven and rest. But, I'm sure this last week has *not* been a rest and, as we all know, being forced to stay inside, even with the people we love, can be such a challenge!

Maybe, it's worth reminding ourselves that this is something new. As some one once told me about learning... you have to do that new thing at least 8 times before it becomes habit. Let's hope that's 8 days, not 8 weeks, before we all settle into our new normal!

Trent's teachers have been telling me what joy it brings them to read your messages via Google classroom and to see what your children have been doing at home. The little comments children are sending their teachers absolutely melt my heart. We are all missing each other, for sure.

Every day I catch up with Mrs Ring and Miss Wheeler. We talk about the messages we have received and people we've spoken to. Our learning from the first week is that we are all having to adapt really quickly, to a situation we hadn't seen coming our way. Parents are doing their best to be 'teachers', teachers are doing their best to keep up the great progress their pupils have made, the children (*I'm sure...*) are all doing their best to be good! But, it's all new. Teachers are adapting the work they set as they learn what suits you best. I want you to know that my message to you all is clear:

- do what you can,
- do a little every day,
- play games together: board games or cards
- enjoy construction and craft activities: Lego, Meccano etc
- work out your own routine: whatever works for your family
- **don't worry** if it seems too much /too little or even if that 'project' still looks like a pile of junk boxes when its finished - *whatever I did with my boys never turned out as I had expected!*
- **Keep in contact with us.** Above all else, this is important. We want to know how you're getting along, we want to know you're OK and we want to encourage each other through this extraordinary time.

Email office@trent.barnetmail.net for anything important and Julie will send your messages through to the right person. Of course, keep commenting through Google Classroom

Look out for Miss Wheeler's special certificate, awarded to home learning activities of her choice. There have been so many lovely activities happening, it's been an unenviable difficulty. Clearly, despite the uncertainty, there is lots of creative fun going on at home too.

You may already be a fan of the livestream Christ Church service every Sunday at 10.30am.

Try it, if not. Our familiar faces are all there, broadcasting with messages of comfort and challenge and love: <https://youtu.be/DoslKSRatSI>

Sharing informal, straight-from-the-heart prayers is daily practice at school. Most days children are invited, during assembly, to pray aloud and we share together their thoughts, joys and fears. Maybe, try this at home too. Talk about what you hear on the News, what you've read together, what you've watched together and pray. Search out God's word to guide you.

Do remember that, even though you may feel isolated, every family is important to us. Keep together, safe at home. Reach out to us if you're feeling wobbly and let us know when it's going well for you. Photos to email round would be fabulous! Do you have any top tips to share? Let us know that too.

We are in this together – let's make the most of it!

Keep safe everyone.

With my best wishes,



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Headteacher