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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by thanking you for continuing to support your children in their home learning over the first two weeks of term. In particular, I have been delighted by the children's NHS posters and by their teacher portraits – these have brought smiles to our faces!

Home Learning As time goes on, and the novelty of learning at home wears off, it is important that we remember the key message: the health and well-being of our children and families is our first priority. If you feel that the workload created by home learning is detrimental to the well-being of your family then please be selective about which tasks you ask your child to complete. Remember, there is no expectation that every child completes every task. Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone during school hours or by email –

head.3250@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk – if you have any concerns. The link below offers some good general advice for supporting your children with home learning:

[Government advice on helping primary school children continue their education at home](#)

If you are looking for further additional online learning opportunities for you children, there are several useful links on our website. [The Oak National Academy](#) is an online classroom with helpful video tutorials for children across the primary age range.

Keeping in touch We are aware that many children are missing school and, in particular, missing seeing their friends. Many people are making use of video calling apps. The link below is a guide for how primary-aged children can safely use these apps:

[Video chatting: a guide for parents and carers of primary school-age children](#)

Talking about coronavirus As lockdown continues, and we spend longer at home together, it is increasingly important that we discuss not only the practical implications of this new way of life but also how we are affected emotionally. Axel

Scheffler, illustrator of *The Gruffalo*, has released a free information book that explains coronavirus to children. The final few pages, which deal with how children and adults might be feeling during lockdown, are especially good:

[Coronavirus: A book for children](#)

You might also find the advice given by Fegans charity useful:

[Fegans charity: how to talk to your children about coronavirus](#)

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend and, as always, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Veness', written in a cursive style.

James Veness



Photo courtesy of Dawn Barksfield who represented us all when she visited the lambs at Hendred Estate Farm