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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support over this week and for your encouraging feedback about our Home-Learning.

In School and at Home Learners

I am very proud of the way the staff have moved so quickly to a blended (home and school) teaching approach in such a short period of time and of how our children and parents have responded to such a rapid change. During this second extended period of school closure, we will be learning all the time about what works for our children and aim to build on the start we have made, responding to you and the children and adding additional input to the daily work we are setting.

We have around 200 of our children in school at the moment and 400+ at home. We are determined to focus on both parts of our school and to ensure we do all we can to maintain the learning. To keep groups small and safe in school, we have had to create smaller classes and therefore, the vast majority of teachers are in front of the class every day. All the team are working very hard and creatively to ensure we can release teachers to make sure we can support everyone at home and make sure all in our school are following the same curriculum during this time. However, I am sure you will understand that this puts huge pressure on our staff and please bear with us as we adapt to this new way of working.

Friday Resource Collection

We know that it is sometimes a challenge printing, downloading and accessing materials and want to do what we can to support you. This Friday, there will be a chance for parents to come to school and Year Group teachers will set out some useful materials for the week ahead. We will try to repeat this over the half term. This week parents are invited to come and pick up:

- A West Jesmond Home-School Exercise book to complete written tasks in
- A maths exercise book
- A printed copy of the White Rose Maths Booklet for the following week
- (For some older Year Groups a CGP literacy task)
- A chance to collect and swap a reading book
- And some additional resources your child can use in the week ahead.

To do this safely we will be giving parents a time slot to ensure social distancing. We ask you to enter school at the main gate by Reception, turn left and enter the school hall through the external door.

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Each year group will have a marked table with resources.

To keep everyone safe please follow strict social distancing:

- Where possible we ask that only **one parent** comes to school and no children are present. If you need to bring your child please keep them with you at all times.
- Please wear a mask as at all times on the school premises
- Keep a 2 metre + distance from other parents
- Please enter and leave the school and our vicinity as promptly as possible.
- Please keep strictly to timings.
- Parents may pick up work for any siblings at the same time
- **Please do not drive or park near the school**

Timings

Reception: 9 – 9.30 Year 1: & 2 9.30 – 10.00 Year 3 & 4: 10 - 10.30 Year 5 & 6: 10.30 - 11

Thank you for your support

Matt Ward (Headteacher)