Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of another week of school closure. It continues to feel very strange in school with just a handful of children but staying safely at home is the single most important thing that you can continue to do as we try to protect everyone within the community. Thank you for your continued support with this. I have been so impressed by the attitude and resilience of so many of you that I have spoken to this week.

Week three of ‘home learning’ is now over and I hope that you have all survived the week. Teachers have now taken a more structured approach to the planning of activities and these have been available via Class Dojo, the school website and paper copies have been available to collect from school for those of you without internet access. This week we have been contacting parents by phone who are not yet logged onto Class Dojo to try and get as many children as possible using this fabulous resource. Not only is it a great link to suggested activities to keep your children busy but it is also a lovely way to let them see what their class mates have been up to.

Mrs Dingsdale is doing a great job leading Class Dojo and the staff are continuing to come up with some amazing ideas to keep you all engaged and hopefully inspired to learn. Once again, I urge you all not to feel overwhelmed by the expectation that you need to fill the day with school learning because you don’t. Please just do what feels right and keeps you all calm; there are hundreds of different ways to learn and the most important element is to make sure your children are safe and happy.

Children, I am missing having you all in school but I feel sure that you are trying to be the best that you can be at home and I know that you are safe there with your families. Remember to try and find ways of showing our school values of kindness, resilience, respect, integrity, independence, aspiration and pride each day. I love seeing what you have been up to via Class Dojo so please keep posting your photos and keep busy. You have the chance to brighten the lives of your families with your smiles, laughter and energy.

Take care, stay safely with your family and keep well.

Many best wishes to you all.

Mrs Farnell