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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I hope everyone is safe and well.

Well, here we are, four weeks in to this lockdown and still not quite knowing when things will ease off a little! This is certainly both an extremely challenging and frustrating time for us all and I do appreciate how difficult things can be for many of you.

I wanted to write to say a huge 'thank you' for your continued support for home learning. We are delighted by how many children are fully engaging with the lessons/activities and completing at least the maths and English work (as mentioned in my last letter) or much more. Well done everyone!

Of course there are many other lessons and suggested activities within each year group's Google Classroom, and not all are screen based, so it'd be great if as many children as possible participated as often as family circumstances allow. Also, don't forget to build some exercise in to the children's routines, whether it be a Joe Wicks session, playing in the garden or a daily family walk (or all three!!).

Following Boris' announcement earlier this week, we now know that schools will not be fully open to all pupils until at least 8th March. Whilst we are all desperately hoping that this will be our full opening date, I want to stress this is not a definite and I don't want you to get your hopes up too much at this stage. It will very much depend upon Covid data, nationally and locally, and the number of people who have received the vaccine. Apparantly we will have some confirmation on 22nd February – let's all keep our fingers crossed!!

Finally, as ever, we are here to help you if you need us for anything at all. You can ring or email school, or contact your child's teacher directly via class dojo. Please don't hesitate in asking for support; by working together and keeping lines of communication open we are all doing our best in the interests of the children at DJS.

Best wishes to you all.

Mrs L J Laúrd Headteacher









