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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we all adjust to a new way of living, we hope that you are all keeping well. We are getting used to a new way of working and have limited the number of staff who come into school to an absolute minimum, as we want to keep everyone as safe as possible whilst being able to provide this important facility. We miss all of the children but take comfort from the fact that this is just a temporary measure and look forward to when we can all get back to normal, as we are sure that you do.

### Home Learning

We hope that you have been able to get into a bit more of a routine this week and that the children have enjoyed completing the jobs that the staff set for them. The original tasks were designed to last for 2 weeks. We have listened to feedback from parents regarding the preferred type of home learning. As a result, the staff are preparing further work packs that we would like the children to complete after the Easter break. The new packs, which will include workbooks, will be ready for collection from outside the main door of the school building on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April between 9.30am and 3.00pm. Each child will have a named pack. In the case of wet weather, the packs can be collected from the covered area outside the Early Years Classroom. The packs will contain English and Maths work, activities linked to other subjects will be posted on the class webpages of the school website from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please could we ask that parents follow the rules on social distancing when collecting the packs.

### Easter Holidays

Normally we would now be breaking up for the 2 weeks Easter holiday. As such, we do not expect you to home tutor your child during this time as they, like you, could probably do with a break! Instead, we would like the children to have fun, be creative, get some fresh air from the safety of your garden and enjoy reading. The school is remaining open to a very small number of children of essential workers over the next two weeks.

### Thank you!

Finally, thank you very much for all of the lovely messages thanking us for our support. We are extremely grateful and touched by your kind words. Your support is greatly valued and appreciated more than ever and puts a smile on our faces! Judging by all of the lovely comments on our Facebook and Twitter Feeds, it looks like our video certainly put a smile on your faces! Thank you so very much.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

The staff at Staindrop CE Primary School

