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Dear Parents,

First of all the Early Years Team would just like to thank you for your kindness and understanding over the last couple of days. We have been touched by discussions with parents. Sorry if we haven't been able to take the time to hear how life is going for you individually. Many have asked how we feel seeing the children go for a while. Our answer is sad and concerned and of course, as with everyone, nervous at this uncertain time, but this is balanced with a huge sense of determination and optimism. Above all, we are so proud of how hard your children have worked so far this year and the achievements they have made. The key point here is 'so far'.

As Mrs Flowers has told you, the staff team have already started working on how 'learning' will look in the coming weeks. As an early years team we have begun planning and resourcing this and you will hear from us again on Monday with the first set of learning. At this point, we will be able to give you more information on what this will look like. Our overarching goal in Early Years this year has been to make sure your children are prepared for their school career, with the basic skills, so that they enter Key Stage 1 well prepared for the educational challenges they will face. This will continue to be what we strive to do with your support. Parents have always been the most important teacher in their child's learning. It is now a case of how we adapt our role as the 'qualified' supporter for the time being. We appreciate that you will be under multiple pressures at this time, so will try and set work realistically, providing as much clarity as we can, focusing on the key skills they need, but also balancing with fun experiences that the children will need at this time.

Finally, a quick message about communication. As Mrs Flowers has said, please keep an eye on your emails and texts. Group emails to the class/year group will come out from teachers regularly. We will be making use of Tapestry, which a large majority of you have activated your parent accounts for. If you haven't, I will make sorting this a priority early next week. Please remember, Mrs Brook and Mrs Zajac only work certain days, so I ask that if you do reply to an email to them you copy in both. If you have any queries or questions, please remember you can contact me on my email hbassett@bramingham.net . Mrs Flowers can also be contacted on sf@bramingham.net . Please be understanding if you find a delay in reply at this time.

The Early Years Team wish you a pleasant weekend with your families and are looking forward to working with you in a new way next week.

Miss Bassett