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Dear parents/carers

I am writing to you all to say a huge thank you for doing everything you can in very difficult circumstances to ensure your child continues learning at home. It has been very reassuring to hear from so many of you that your children are still learning at home. We fully understand that some of you will find it more challenging than others, particularly if you are working from home or have small children. However, we want to reassure you that if all hasn't quite gone to plan so far, not to worry – this is new for all of us!

We are working hard behind the scenes to develop new ways of working with you. At the moment we are mostly using Marvellous Me and our school website to communicate with you. Over the next few days, you will receive information about an app called Seesaw which will enable your child to show us some of the work they have been doing. Teachers will also be able to send messages back to the children about their work. Do try and set this up once you receive the information – if you can't, don't worry, we will be in touch and help you to set it up.

One of our greatest concerns at the moment is how to ensure children are safe online. We know we are asking children to spend time engaging in online learning and if this isn't monitored carefully, could lead to children being put at risk. Please ensure you are keeping a close eye on what your child is doing online, continue to talk to them regularly about keeping safe online and spend some time checking that you have sufficient filters in place on computer devices.

Below are some websites that offer support to parents and carers to keep children safe online.

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carer

I would strongly recommend that you find some time this week to sit down with your child/children and talk to them about how to stay safe online, using if needed some of these websites for support.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to think about ways to support you at home to ensure your child continues learning. Please don't worry if you are finding this difficult – it will take time to establish a routine and there will be days when things don't go well. If all else fails, just continue to talk to your children, continue to read with them and have some fun together.

We will continue to make contact with you once a week and speak to your child. Please also do remember if you are worried about anything, please send an email to admin@springfield.hackney.sch.uk or call the school office and we will get back to you.

Hackney Council have now set up a support hub with an 'ask for help' function. If you are struggling and need help, you can request it here: <https://hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-support>

Please continue to keep safe

Best wishes

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