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Good morning everyone,

There is not anything new to inform you about or share with you today. Last night we had a staff meeting virtually and all the teachers gave an update of how the home learning is going and what the engagement has been like.

It sounds like the vast majority of you are doing an amazing job in educating your children at home and I would like to thank you for all of your efforts. I know how difficult it is for you all, especially those who have children in different year groups and are also having to work from home too. It is virtually impossible to balance all of these things but you're doing a great job and we are very grateful.

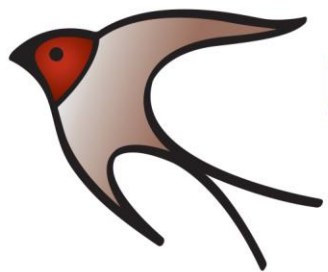
Not all pupils are engaging frequently with the tasks that teachers are setting but over the last week or so teachers have rang these families to check that all is ok and it seems that lots of alternative learning is taking place which is great.

You will be aware that on Sunday there will be a government announcement as the current situation is reviewed so I expect that my letters from Monday onwards might start to have a bit more information in them again. The Department for Education, Local Authorities, Trade Unions and schools are currently consulting and communicating regularly about how schools will reopen and what risk assessments need to be put into place to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff. There is a lot of information being shared but rather than sharing with you what might happen I would rather wait until we know what will happen so that you are not being bombarded with information that might not be relevant.

Tomorrow is VE day and I'm sure that lots of you will have plans on how this will be marked. I'd love to see any work that your children have been doing around this or how you celebrate it.

Have a good day everyone, take care everyone, stay safe and keep well.

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