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Dear all,

I am writing to you all today to try and reassure you at this incredibly difficult time. Many of you have messaged me to outline your frustrations and anxieties in teaching your child at home, I understand and KNOW how hard it is. I have struggled myself with trying to engage my children in our home which is NOT a school. However, all of our homes are places of safety, of comfort, fun and laughter. A place where we can spend time with our children, carrying out simple tasks which help us all become more equipped as learners. Please be KIND to yourselves, from what you have shared with me via FACEBOOK and email, it is clear that you are all doing a wonderful job in the most challenging of circumstances.

The best and most effective curriculums around the world are those based on interaction with hands-on, purposeful activities for their students. They do not rely on worksheets and mundane tasks to 'train' their pupils in understanding key concepts, they value practical and real-life activities for pupils to apply skills and see how things happen 'naturally' in the world around us. Talking to your child, playing board games with them, cooking together, painting a picture together and even sitting and watching a film together, and discussing it afterwards, are all incredibly rich tasks which, in this fast world we live in, we sometimes don't have time to do. Make time for that! Also, read, read and read with and to your child as much as you possible can.

We are here to help and from this week onwards we will be making ideas available to you to support your child with their learning at home. If the instructions are not clear to you, then please contact the teaching staff by email, as they will be on hand to help. Please be patient, as some of them may very well be working in the HUB school, I know they will get back to you as soon as they can. Their contact details are: -

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The activities for all classes will be made available on the school website (rec, yr1 & yr 2- click on the Foundation Phase page, year 3 upwards click on Key Stage Two page). Our school website address is www.priory.powys.sch.uk. Keep an eye on our website as I will post videos from our teachers supporting with teaching key concepts in maths, literacy and digital competency skills. Reminders about where to find work etc will be sent out via our text messaging service and school FACEBOOK page.

Also, for year one upwards we will also post the activities on HWB, all children from year one upwards had log-in details provided to them at the end of term for HWB. Any issues regarding their logins please contact their class teacher.

If you haven't already done so please can you email me on pennaeth@priory.powys.sch.uk to let me know if you have a laptop or device at home that can support your child with their learning at home. Please don't hesitate to use this email if you need to contact me about ANYTHING – If I can't help, I will find somebody who can! Email me directly to my work email please do not contact me via messenger on FACEBOOK.

These uncertain times will pass and soon we will all be together again. Until then be KIND to yourself, be safe and happy in your homes. We are at the end of an email and are always happy to email or give you a ring. PLEASE don't worry about even the smallest thing, we are here to help!

Please take care of one another

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