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Dear Parents,

We hope you are all keeping safe in these challenging weeks. We thought we'd write to let you know how we hope to support your child's learning in the next few weeks or months.

- Develop a routine - if you don't already have one. It doesn't have to look like a school or pre-school day, but it should make time for a learning / exploring activity and some physical exercise.
- Include the children in the household chores and cooking (age appropriately). So many parents try to fit in the household jobs while the children are at pre-school or in bed. Clearly this is not going to be the case for the foreseeable future so start as you mean to go on! This will ultimately reduce the stress on you and it will help the children appreciate that we are all needed to help.
- If you talk to the children about what is going on, focus on the things they can do and can control e.g. make sure they wash their hands, talk to grandparents via phone / skype etc rather than see them in person.

We are developing our strategies for supporting learning at home;

- We will send an email with links to websites / learning packages and home-schooling ideas
- We will email a list of ideas each week for open-ended activities that you can do with the children, with ideas of what you could do and how you could extend the activity. These can then be adapted to suit your child.
- We will also email individually with suggestions for each child that are relevant to their individual learning plan that we have been using in the setting. If you are able, it would be great if you can log what you've done and take photos. You can then continue their learning journey, sharing it with the children and involving them in it. We can then periodically review this with you and together we can plan for their next steps.

If you have printing facilities at home you could make a learning journey at home, or you can email things to us and we'll add things to their learning journeys here.

- If you would like a phone call each week please let us know.

We are trying to stay true to our ethos of individualised planning and learning even when working remotely! Things will evolve and develop over coming weeks, and your ideas and suggestions are important to us.

Please remember we will always be at the other end of the phone or email if you have any questions.

Best Wishes, Carrie, Emma, Laura, Danni & Wendy.