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Hi everyone,

How has week 2 been? Before I launch into 'school talk' I just want you to remember that the most important thing you can do in this time is to be kind and caring to your family and try to help out where you can.

If your school work is not going to plan then that is normal – you are not at school and hopefully an incidence of school closing like this will never happen again so make the most of this time to broaden your interests, be creative and spend time with the people you love. Nothing is gained from getting upset, falling out with people or feeling that you are failing at something because you don't understand. You will take so many other learning experiences from this time and grow as a person (in height as well as character!)

So now to school stuff! This week I have managed to play some of you on Education City Play Live. We were on the Lower KS2 section on the multiplication game but I kept getting booted off. At one point my snail totally stopped moving so I am blaming technology for not beating those two! Remember – 11:00am on weekdays!

I know lots of you are doing really well on completing maths tasks but I have been thinking about how to keep your English skills going. You have Active Learn Primary tasks which will help you with your spellings and grammar but you also need to keep practising those really important reading comprehension skills but in a fun way from home. So ... I have been busy setting you all up on a really cool website called <https://my.risingstars-uk.com/>. You need your My Maths username and password to log in. Once you are in you will see there are 3 assignments for you to look at and earn 'Rewards' in the form of stars for completing them. They are short reading tasks and you click on the answer you think is right from a choice of answers and then you can click to mark it at the end. Try it and see what you think!

From the individual emails I have been receiving I can tell that lots of you are gardening which is fantastic. Many of you have been keeping fit with Joe Wicks or making up your own PE activities to do. You certainly are a creative bunch!

Obviously at the end of this week it is the start of the Easter holiday and I am fully expecting you to take a good break from school work but I will still put a weekly update on the Home Learning section of the webpage and if you do get bored and want to continue your work, you know where all the tasks are that have been set for you.

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If we can't go back on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, try to get back into the habit of doing some home learning as best you can. I know some of you have busy parents working from home or in some cases going out to work still so don't get in a tizz if you can't manage to do everything being set! I don't expect you to work through every day like our school day would be and we are all still finding our way in a strange new experience. The most important thing is that you stay happy, healthy and take care of one another.

Right, I'll say bye for now and hopefully see you all soon.

*Mrs Carr*