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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Re Home Learning in our Trust schools

We want to begin by saying a very big thank you and well done to all our families in the Central Co-operative Learning Trust.

We know it is an exceptionally difficult time for families right now and we want to tell you how incredibly well we think you are all doing in the latest lockdown.

We are very grateful to those families who are able to look after their children at home at this time of national crisis. By keeping the numbers of pupils and staff in our schools as low as we can it should help to drive down the transmission rate of the virus and get everyone back to school as early as possible.

You've got a huge task juggling home learning, doing your own jobs, dealing with IT issues and looking after your children. It's not easy - and we are all finding it hard! Many of us are parents too and we understand the pressures of keeping everything going. Home learning is a fairly new experience for everyone – staff, parents and children alike - and we are all just getting used to the new routines and expectations. Please remember we are here to help and support you wherever we can.

The teachers are working incredibly hard to provide your children with the right level and amount of work to complete at home. It might seem a lot sometimes but we are obliged to provide 4 hours of learning by the Government and we realise this is a really difficult ask for parents. We know sometimes things aren't easy and that it can be frustrating for parents. You might feel there is too much or that it is too difficult or you don't understand how to help. If things aren't going well with your child's learning, have a break and do something different. Come back to it later. Let us know if you need support.

Please just do your best and encourage your child to take part in the learning the school has set. We don't expect you to all be teachers overnight and we know that the other demands of family life may mean you can't spend as much time helping as you want to. Don't worry. Just stay positive with your child and remember to make time for other types of learning as a family including getting outdoors for exercise or reading or cooking together. These things are really important too.

We will be sending a survey soon to get some feedback from you on home learning and any other support you might feel you need.

Keep up the good work. Thank you for all your support for the school – we are really lucky to work with you and your families. Finally, a special pat on the back to all the staff who are all working tirelessly to get the children through this.

Stay safe and take care and please be assured you are doing a great job!

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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