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Dear Families,

I hope that you are as well as can be expected under the current circumstances. I wanted to write to remind you that the Hayesbrook School community is here to help and support all of our families in these challenging times. I hope that you have been able to experience this in our move to remote schooling in the last three weeks, where we have tried to achieve the following:

- A more engaging and 'live' experience for our pupils learning experience, using Google Classroom and other online packages, which allows more interaction and easier forms of feedback.
- Technical support through our IT team and hardware assistance when possible.
- Pastoral support through 'Keeping in Touch' calls.
- Daily Reception staff to support easier communication with you all.
- Open for in-school provision to key worker children.
- Established a testing facility for Rapid Flow Tests to enhance our Covid prevention systems.

All of the above has been achieved due to the dedication of our staff team, who as I have previously said in communications, feel the same pressure of a lockdown, as you. Without question we have also raised our expectations on what we can do with our remote learning offer and this does create greater pressure on our staff. I continue to be grateful and slightly in awe of their efforts to develop new skills and remain positive in their actions. I would appreciate you and your son/daughter taking a few minutes to visit the link below, which will take you to a google form page. It would be lovely if you could use this form to send a positive message of thanks to a member of staff who you/they have found supportive/motivating/kind since we moved to remote working. Please don't feel that it has to be just a teacher – all of our support staff are doing a fantastic job as well. If you would like to complete more than one, you will be able to and I will ensure all comments are forwarded on to the staff involved, with an extra thank you from myself and the leadership team.

<https://forms.gle/AeZs6t6tPacJ2cbE7>

I am also incredibly proud of how our pupils have risen to the challenges of remote schooling and I would continue to ask for your support in ensuring that they keep to the routines we have tried to establish. To support this, please consider some of my 'wish' list below and how you may be able to achieve these with your son/daughter.

- Eat breakfast before the first lesson starts at 8.45am.
- Use the school day timings and take the morning break and lunch time as opportunities to spend time away from the screen.
- Spending 15 minutes at the end of each day to ensure that all work required has been completed and submitted back.
- Get outdoors at least once a day.
- Keep to a routine of sleep which does fit within the usual parameters of their normal school week.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School