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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter another week of home teaching and a partial school opening, I hope that you are managing to stay safe, well and sane!

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt our children's education. Education Secretary Gavin Williamson revealed to MPs on 6th January that Government primary school tests would not go ahead in 2021. This means that all statutory key stage 1 and key stage 2 tests and teacher assessments planned for summer 2021, including the key stage 2 tests in reading and mathematics and the key stage 1 Phonics check, will not take place.

I am sure that this comes as welcome news for children and parents, as it goes some way to relieving what can be, a very pressured time for our children.

It also means that staff in school can really move forward with focusing our efforts on delivering an effective catch-up curriculum that every one of our children are going to need. Rest assured that this is very much our priority now.

We will continue to keep you as up to date as possible as we navigate this uncertain and rapidly changing time.

Stay safe,

Mrs Carrier  
Head Teacher