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End of Week 2 of 'Lockdown'

Dear parents/carers,

Once again, we are writing to you in times like we have never experienced before in our lifetimes. We are nearing the end of our 2nd week in lockdown as a country and we are starting to experience a new 'normal'.

Life at home for many of you will be continuing with your own work, home life and family life being balanced as best you can.

We are much the same in school. School is closed except for the children of key workers of those with EHCP/Social Workers that cannot be safe at home. We would personally like use this opportunity to thank all of our staff teams for the commitment and dedication they have shown. They are **AMAZING!**

We would like to thank and praise you for the way you have supported this, only sending children in where it has been essential and you have had no other suitable alternative. If you are struggling in **any** way, please do get in touch with us and see how we may be able to help or direct you. office@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk

We too are trying to minimise risks for our children, staff and families. We are pleased to provide the resource for those who need it and are glad where children can be safe at home. We will continue with this provision next week during the 'Easter Break' but the school will be closed down for the 2nd week of Easter to allow us to have a full and thorough deep clean of the site.

We know that many of you, where possible, are continuing with learning from home and it is really pleasing to see all the positive responses on-line and on social media. We are trying to keep our social media up to date as best we can, so please share our stories. The class pages on the website are also a good source of information.

Please keep sharing your pictures and positive comments, they really help us too!

Learning from home over Easter will take more of our usual 'holiday' approach and will be focused around projects and things to do/explore. Please take the opportunities of the 'Easter Break' to have your daily walk, get some fresh air and be together. Use this time, where possible, to have quality family time, doing some of the things you had always wished you'd had time for!

As previously mentioned, there is **no** expectation that your child completes all the learning. It is simply there if it is useful or helpful, and is **not** mandatory. There is no

judgement or expected amount, we appreciate what family life can be like in the current situation.

Once again, if we can leave you with one thing, it's this: once this is all over, your children's mental health will be more important than their academic state. How they felt during this time will stay with them way beyond the memory of what they did during these weeks. So I pray, please keep this in mind, every single day!

Stay Safe – Stay Strong!

Yours sincerely,
The School Leadership Team