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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families are coping with what is another challenging period in a very challenging year. The strains that the lockdown measures are placing on our community are impossible to over exaggerate and we can only hope that the sacrifices which we are all making will go some way to shortening the crisis and quickening the return to normality.

As a school we are very conscious of trying not to add to your stress through the demands of remote learning whilst balancing that with the need to sustain the children's education. We hope that our mix of live lessons with other resources offers a way through. I am very proud of the way our staff have adapted to a new way of working in such a short period of time and feel that the children of Porters Grange are being offered a great provision in the absence of normal face to face learning. Please feel free to let staff know what a fantastic job they are doing – I know that they will appreciate it.

I am under no illusion that home schooling is easy. It is difficult for the children, it is difficult for you and it is difficult for our teachers. However, I must stress its importance and thank you for your huge efforts in getting your children to engage with their lessons. The importance that you place on their education will shape their future and help them come out of this situation well prepared to continue their education.

I feel it is important to balance that message. We are all finding this tough. Please be kind to yourself and know that as long as you are trying your best, you are doing a good job. Please don't be too hard on yourself if the occasional lesson is missed; it is inevitable. The important thing is that you keep trying and that you continue to provide your children with the supportive and loving homes that they need during these challenging times.

I sincerely hope that we will soon be able to welcome back all of our children and return to our normal routines. In the meantime, please continue to look after yourselves and your families by following the government guidelines and hopefully we can look forward to a better year ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr M Aggus

Vice Principal

We are a **good** school in all areas

"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is Outstanding"

