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Dear Parent/Carer

As you know staff are busy setting daily whole-class lessons on Class Charts matched to students' timetables - of course we realise that our students with special educational needs may be experiencing some difficulties working at home. If your child is unable to complete the work, they should not stress - but continue at their own pace to complete the work to the best of their ability. Please contact me or the teacher directly should you be having any difficulties with the work set. My email address is mitchellj@haileyburyturnford.com and all staff email addresses are on our website <https://haileyburyturnford.com/contact-us/staff/>

It is important to keep physically and mentally well wherever possible and to try to engage your children with their home learning in the best possible way. I have included some websites below which may help you:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/covid19-school-closures> - FREE resources (limited time)

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

The Maths Factor is FREE for the duration of school closures - created by Carol Vorderman. Matched to the national curriculum for ages 4-12.

<https://lpec.org.uk/2020/03/24/resources-to-support-corona-virus-school-closures/>

<https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/>

What else could I do to support my child?

- Keep things positive and give children hope. Remind them of the actions we can all take to reduce spread, such as increased hand washing and reducing social contact. Tell children that many people are doing their best to make the situation better. If someone they know contracts the virus, assure them it is not their fault.
- Try to keep familiar routines, which provide a feeling of safety and stability.
- Do nice things together and keep active. Make a plan and suggest regular family times where you can play games, exercise or do other enjoyable activities. Find a balance between activities and screen time (which can also be a shared activity).

Finally, some of your children may be experiencing feelings of anxiety during this quite stressful time, I will follow up this email later with some resources which may be helpful.

My regards to you all, keep safe.

Yours faithfully

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