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Dear parents,

As we find ourselves in our second lockdown school closure, I very much hope that you and your families are keeping well and safe.

We are delighted with the way in which many children have been accessing Google Classrooms and this can only improve now staff, parents and children are becoming more familiar with how everything works.

If your child has a special educational need, or finds a particular area of the curriculum difficult, you may want to make some adjustments to what they can complete at home:-

- Chunk and break up the learning opportunities - 5 minutes of this/10 minutes of that etc - set timers, have biscuit or movement breaks. Little and often is best, especially at home, when there are distractions and siblings and toys.
- **Consider using some of the games and strategies on the attached document.** Again all of this is purely optional and supports parents who want to try something new. There are some other useful websites included on this document too.
- If your child has an emotional or social need (rather than learning), please look carefully at the wonderful collation of well-being activities posted on the school website under the 'well-being' tab.
- The British Dyslexia Association are running another webinar on 3 February. It is for secondary school children but anyone can join. To register a place please go to:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events/free-webinar-just-because-you-cant-spell-doesnt-mean-you-dont-love-words>

Please feel free to approach learning tasks in a flexible way that works for both you and your child. Try to attempt a variety of learning each day but ensure it remains fun and stop if things become too much.

I will send you information about free websites or support services as I hear about them.

Kind regards

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