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Dear Cornbank Families,

I hope you and your loved ones are keeping well and managing ok in these challenging times. I hope you were able to enjoy the Easter 'break' and spend some time in the lovely weather. I want to thank you again for all your support and kind messages; these have meant so much to us and really highlight what an amazing community we are all part of!

Thank you for all your efforts with supporting your children at home with their learning, keeping us updated on Twitter and GLOW. Please remember we are not expecting the day at home to replicate a day in school. You absolutely need to do what is right for your current family situation. Children will not be losing out in 'learning' if you choose to go for a walk or play games or have them helping cook dinner. These are all life skills and will support their emotional health.

Staff are continuing to update Google Classrooms. This is a very new way for all of us to work and currently it is taking staff a considerable amount of time to plan and prepare these tasks. Staff have been creating surveys to collect feedback about what we have done so far. Please take 5 minutes with your child to complete these as all feedback is taken on board. Every week there will also be a short question for children to respond. It would be great if all children could pop into their classroom to answer this weekly question. It ensures that GLOW accounts are kept active. If you have had any difficulties logging on then please contact Mr Drysdale on MCdrysda21@glow.sch.uk He will do his best to help you out.

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Deas is currently feeling able to work from home. Mr Deas is just home from hospital and is continuing to receive treatment. We continue to send our best wishes to Mr and Mrs Deas. Mr Drysdale, Mrs Deas and I are hoping to check-in with all families through a phone call this week. This is to check that you are all ok and if there is anything we can do to support. We are working from home so the number we phone from may come up as 'withheld' or 'private'; promise we are not selling you anything!

I would like to thank you for your ongoing patience with regards to money that you are due back from camps and outings. We are so keen for you to have this money as soon as possible however it is proving more challenging than we would like due to not having access to our school account from home. Midlothian Council are supporting all schools with returns and I just ask that you please do not attempt to process a return through ParentPay as the funds do not get kept there and the school is charged for this. I appreciate how frustrating this is for you all and I can ensure you we are working very hard to get this money to you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, Benmore Camp are requesting the full amount from the school and I am in the process of completing Insurance Claims. Thank you for your understanding.

As always, if there is anything we can do to help then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Take care and kind regards,

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