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Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to Home Learning

Over the last weeks we have managed to talk to the majority of our families to discuss their well-being, home learning and any other issues that have been raised. We hope we have been able to support families and your feedback has been very helpful to us.

The teaching staff had a staff meeting last week to review the home learning we are offering to the children. Purple Mash seems to be being used by most of the children. However, a lot of parents have given feedback to say they are finding it difficult to organise lessons and to plan the detail of their child's learning. We understand how challenging this can be, especially as methods and terminology have changed so much since parents were at school.

Over the last few weeks teachers have been reviewing the Oak National Academy, set up by the government to support all children's home learning. We have found that this resource is of a very good quality. There are three lessons a day, delivered by a teacher, with follow up work set. Children are able to follow the lessons easily and parents are able to support their learning successfully if they need to. So, from Monday 18th May we are recommending all families use this resource for their children's learning. The teachers will put one challenge a week on Purple Mash so they can maintain contact with the children.

If you or your child would like further learning, BBC Bitesize has been significantly improved and offers very good additional learning experiences.

We are still here to help you support your children's learning. The school office is open from 8:00a.m – 3:00p.m. on weekdays. You can also contact us by email at: learningsupport@ryde.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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