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Dear Sunlands Parents

We've now been at home for a little more than a week. I hope that you are all still in good health, enjoying the time with the family at home. My encouragement is to find the 'silver lining' (having time for family, etc.) of the lockdown and celebrate that. Our thoughts and prayers remain with you, especially those of you, who are still working or providing emergency services and are not able to spend much time with your family.

Over the past few days we have been inundated with information about Covid-19; how to prevent being infected, daily statistics of the spread of the virus all over the world; what to do should one be infected, etc. I encourage you to remain positive!

Our Education Department has gone into 'over-drive' regarding making online learning resources available to families. Many companies have joined in the frenzy making heaps of free resources available. Be selective should you wish to use any of it.

As promised in my previous letter to you, we now have a way forward regarding academics, which will hopefully not be overwhelming to families. I've met (via Zoom) with most of the teachers to clarify expectations and determine a way forward per grade and for the school.

Please be advised that over the next few days, teachers will be contacting you via Class Dojo and some of the other platforms that you may have access to so that they can explain to you what would be expected of children during this period to ensure that they are 'learning fit' when they return to school.

We are aware of the many challenges that families are facing during this time. Our aim, however is to remain connected and serve the Sunlands family academically to the best of our ability. Please check the platforms that are used by the school so that you can be informed and have options to communicate with the staff.

Your efforts to help our children to remain 'learning fit' are appreciated. Thank you.

Mrs van Heerden

