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Dear Year 6 children,

We find ourselves in a very unusual set of circumstances and I am imagining you are wondering what is going to happen about your move onto Year 7. I am also aware from your Year 6 teachers and Head Teachers that some of you are worrying about the learning you are missing because you're not at school.

So the purpose of this letter to you is to say "please stop worrying!" We are all in this together and we are all finding our way through it. There is no right and wrong way, and the most important thing is that you are well and happy, so we can get on with the learning quickly and positively when this is all over and we are back at school.

We know we will have to adapt our Year 7 learning plans so that any learning that might have been missed in Year 6 is addressed. To help with this, we will be talking to your Year 6 teachers to find out where they got to in the Year 6 curriculum before the schools closed, as well as finding out about each of you as individuals. We're also already thinking through what else we can do to make our transition arrangements as useful as possible to help you have a confident start to secondary school.

So, for the time being this is what we would advise you to do:

- make the most of whatever learning activities are available from your Primary School. We know different schools are offering different things – please try not to compare yours with the one your friend might have in a different school – they are all useful experiences to keep you thinking and learning
- read lots of books about lots of different subjects to increase your general knowledge
- practise your times tables
- practise your maths computation skills (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)
- if you're doing anything online – remember to keep to the usual online safety rules
- do some exercise every day
- and make time to relax

Every single Year 6 child in the country is in the same position as you and our promise to you is that we will work together with you, your parents/carers and your Primary School to ensure your start at Hoe Valley as a Year 7 student is as exciting and positive as it can be.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Davies
Head Teacher
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