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Dear parents, carers and all the children of DJS,

Hello, what a strange week it has been. I hope that everyone out there is safe and staying in.

Having collected my son who was travelling around South Africa, from the airport early on Thursday (it was the last flight out of the country), I am now self-isolating just in case.

DJS at school has settled into a routine: we have around 15 children of key workers that we are providing childcare for and have set up a rota of staff to look after them. We are practising social distancing as much as possible and making sure we are really clean about hand washing and touching common surfaces such as laptops and iPads. We decided we would tune into Joe Wicks' PE work out – goodness we ached!

Today the kitchen will close, as we have found another way to provide the free school meals, and the office has been closed since Monday. **Please don't phone as no-one is there to answer it regularly. Just to remind you that we have set up an email address and that is djshomelearning@gmail.com which is monitored from Monday-Friday.**

We are being inundated with suggested home learning activities from all sorts of sources to help with those of you at home. We have decided to have a good look at these first so that we only pass on ones that we think are useful. As I said in my last letter to you, **it is looking after children's mental health which will be more important than their academic skills and how they felt during this extraordinary time.**

I can therefore recommend all the attached resources from 'Mentally Healthy Schools, Heads Together'. We all need wellbeing right now!

Take care and stay well.

Elaine Viner

Head Teacher

