Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well and you have recharged your batteries whilst enjoying the sunshine during half term. I also hope that all of our families celebrating Eid had a lovely day, despite lockdown and being unable to celebrate with family and friends together. We really miss seeing you all and having our school filled with chatter and laughter.

As many of you may be aware, there have been numerous updates and changes made by the DfE about the reopening of schools, 43 changes to the guidance so far! As I am sure you can imagine all the staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure that school is as prepared as possible to begin the reopening of school. Mrs Gammon has already shared the reopening of school plans and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask myself via hsouthworth@qegsblackburn.com and of course as any new guidance arrives from the government and SAGE, which may require further changes we will continue to keep you as informed as possible.

As some year groups are able to return to school we appreciate that this is not the case for all year groups and also that many parents will not wish to send their child/children as they feel that staying at home is the safest option for their families. Therefore, our staff will continue to set the learning grids remotely as we have been doing over the past few weeks and monitor work in the same way.

The home learning grids for the next two weeks have been designed slightly differently to allow our pupils to focus on their mental health and wellbeing. The grids are to get pupils talking, reflecting and sharing their thoughts and feelings with family and friends during Lockdown. We challenge you to complete as many of the activities as possible, record them in your own way. You can tick them off as you do them if you wish. We have also included Mathematics and English tasks and you can also access all of the other resources using the link below.

The home learning grids, **Week Commencing 01.06.2020** can be found here https://qegsblackburn-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/p/hsouthworth/EhqcfWIcNPBCvk2U3s95brcBQoyhri2BqLuqa1pSdwz52A?e=3sjLdI and they can also be accessed via the school website within the 'Letters to Parents' section of the Primary Phase.

Please continue working hard at home and helping out your parents, your hard work, pictures, videos and messages are keeping us all smiling! We are really proud of you! Thank you again for working so hard and please feel free to email and ask us for anything you need.

Warmest and safest wishes,

Mrs Southworth and the Primary Phase Team