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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## COPING WITH SEN CHILDREN AT HOME DURING THE CORONAVIRUS SCHOOL CLOSURE – CAN WE HELP?

We are acutely aware that the current situation is putting undue pressure on our Mill Water families. You are having to manage your child at home, often without support, and often with other siblings making demands on you as well. Whilst many of you have told us that your child is enjoying working through home learning packs and engaging with online resources which have been made available, some of you have not had the same positive experience.

As a school, we are seeking out sources of funding which may be available to help Mill Water families who are experiencing difficulties. Some of you may be without respite, enabling, or normal levels of income; it is harder for us to do anything about these, but we can direct you towards the local sources of help which we have identified.

For some of you, there might be one practical thing that could make all the difference between your coping and not coping. We might be able to help with funding for certain items. If you have been thinking, if we only had such and such a thing at home (craft or drawing items, games, jigsaws, paper for printing, bubbles, dens), it would make everything so much easier, then please let us know. Whilst we cannot make any promises, we can try and help.

Please email your class teacher in the first instance, to alert them if there is anything that could be made available to you at home to make this situation easier. This may be down to essentials such as food, or practical items to help keep your child occupied and safe. We will help wherever we can.

Kind regards

Sarah Pickering

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