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Dear parents, friends and teachers of Thorntree,

What a week it has been, emotional rollercoaster but with some relief and most of all excitement with our students returning. We are walking into another phase of unknown, through this time I hope that you keep this in mind. There are going to be certain situations that work in the classroom with online learning continuing and some situations that fail. Please be patient. We are making sure that both streamline and that everyone is happy.

Make sure you revisit the slides sent last week on the arrival and departure of school from Monday 8 June 2020, being timely is very important as we are responsible for your children and we are only allowed to have children on the premises for a certain amount of time during lockdown.

‘Empathy is a strange and powerful thing. There is no script. There is no right way or wrong way to do it. It is simply listening, holding space, withholding judgement, emotionally connecting and communicating that incredibly healing message of ‘you are not alone.’ Brene Brown

Let us use this quote to go ahead and lead us this week to ensure we comfort and support each other through challenges and ways of the ‘new’ school environment.

We cannot wait to have our happy children back at school and keep our online children excited about school everyday!

Sleep well,

See you all bright and early.

Helyn Pope