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Dear Parents,

I would like to start my letter by saying a big thank you for letters of support that my staff and I have received during these unprecedented times. It does mean a lot when the challenges are many but a kind word goes a long way to make everything possible.

Next week I will be asking staff to resume their letter writing to classes having had a 'half term' break and there will be a new week of learning on the website for you to follow. Some families are able to race through the work and are doing more while others are dipping in and out. If you are finding it difficult to attempt much of the learning, please go back to week one and work through progressively and try and catch up over the summer holiday. We hope that as many children as possible will be 'on track' in September when we can hopefully resume to normal schooling. I hope and pray that this will be the situation. Do not worry if you can't do this as I have a team of experienced staff who will pick up from where your child is and move them forward.

We welcome small groups of Foundation and Y1 children back next week. All have a staggered start and finish time so that social distancing and safety can be maintained for all. Please ensure that you and your child arrive at the gate at the appropriate time and that you are there to collect them on time according to the letter that you have already received.

Our Educare children must be on site, at the gate for an 8.45 -8.55 window. Up to now it has been possible to admit latecomers but with timed entry of Foundation and Y1 children, this will no longer be possible. Educare end of day timings will be as present at 3.25.

Please can I remind parents that there is no admittance on site and that all communications need to be made via phone or email.



Government restrictions of families and friends are being relaxed from Monday to allow up to 6 socially distancing encounters to be possible outdoors in parks and gardens. I do hope that this opportunity gives some scope for rekindling of friendships for children and adults alike.

I am thinking ahead to the end of term and the beginning of the next year and have tentative plans to enable children to say goodbye to their current teacher and meet their new teacher. This may need to be online or there may be a 2m distancing meeting opportunity or both. As safety allows and as my plans firm up, I will keep you informed about what is possible. Currently all my staff are full time and all rooms are occupied so it will mean some 'out of the box' thinking.

I wish you all a safe and happy weekend and hope that you all have measures in place to shield yourself and your child(ren) from the sun's rays. At least my bees are happy with the sunshine and are oblivious to the restrictions and difficulties that we are all facing in these COVID-19 times.

Kind regards

Mrs E A Hill