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Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all is well and you are adjusting successfully to a completely different way of life. I am proposing to write every Friday during term time with updates from the school and to inform you of any developments.

Firstly, my sincerest thank you to all of you who are supporting us with your child's home learning through the Google Classrooms or on Tapestry for Squirrel Class. It's been wonderful to see the work the children have been up to during this week and the staff and I are extremely grateful to you for all your continued support with this. As a reminder, teachers are logging in each morning at 9.30am to set the work for the day and then checking on progress at 1.30pm. There is also work being posted by our Pupil Welfare Leader, Mrs Pearson, and Mr Thacker is also posting some PE lessons for the children to try at home. If your child has any questions regarding the work set, please do encourage them to be in contact with their class teacher via the Google Classroom. It is not our intention for children to be sitting in front of a computer screen all day and the work set will include online work, book based learning, reading and physical exercise. If you have any feedback about how these arrangements are working or would like further support, please do email your child's class teacher.

It is our intention to keep these virtual classrooms operating until Wednesday of next week when we will be starting the Easter holidays. The teachers will post some things for the children to try at home during the break, should they wish to do so, and the classrooms will then start again on Monday 20th April. The school will also close over the Easter break and reopen again for those children who qualify to attend school on Monday 20th April. At the time of writing there is no indication of when this situation will be coming to an end but, when that situation changes, we will of course let you know.

Due to the change in Government advice, we were unable to open the school yesterday for the children to swap over their reading books. If we are in a position to do this in the future, we will be delighted to offer it.

No decisions have yet been taken regarding events for Terms 5 and 6 although it is safe to assume that if the event was planned for the beginning of Term 5 this will not take place. This, unfortunately, includes the Year 5 residential and we are in discussions with Carroty Wood about moving this event to the autumn term when the children will be at the beginning of Year 6. As yet we haven't finalised any arrangements for the Year 6 residential but if there is any possibility of postponing this rather than cancelling it, we will. One option I am exploring is whether we might be able to do it during the October half term break when the children will be in Year 7 but I am not able to confirm this at the time of writing I'm afraid.

Although this continues to be a very testing and difficult time for us all, I have been incredibly impressed with the way the whole school community has risen to the challenges laid before us. I am extremely grateful to you all for everything you have done to ensure this process has been as smooth as possible for the children and for all your support. This continues to be a very worrying time however and I would like to wish you and your families all the very best for the coming weeks.

Very best wishes,

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