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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your children, wider families and friends are keeping safe and well.

You will have been receiving up-dates from Mr Tibbles through the HT newsletter and some great links and activities for children in the [home-learning page](#). But as we approach what would, in normal circumstances, have been the Easter holidays I thought I would share my perspective, from a governor's point of view, of this extraordinary time.

Firstly, I want to say how amazing the entire school community, staff, children, and parents, have been in recognising and responding to the huge challenges the Coronavirus pandemic represents. I particularly want to share my experience of how all of our exceptional staff team have collectively taken a deep breath and responded with generosity, energy and fortitude. This is of course what we would all expect of such a great team, but these are unique and challenging times and their capacity to respond positively, particularly from Mr Tibbles and the Senior Leadership Team, is an incalculable asset. I know they can also count on your support and that of the governors.

As you will know, school has remained open to provide support for parents who are keyworkers. The teaching staff are sustaining educational activity both at school and through the materials on the website, other members of staff are making sure the school keeps running. As a representative of the governors and as a parent I would like to thank them all for their incredible hard work, dedication and creativity. I should say it's also been quite eye-opening attempting to teach our children at home - an experience to be born in mind for more conventional times!

There is also some sadness I would like to note: the funeral of Brian Starling, who was such a mainstay of the school community over many years, took place on Friday and under current circumstances many people were unable to attend. My thoughts are with Morny and her family.

On a day to day basis, Mr Tibbles and I are in regular contact and we will still discuss any issues parents wish to raise that require the governors' attention. The governors will continue to monitor the overall running of the school and, like many of us, we are investigating online meetings for the future. Wish us well with the local broadband!

Finally, while there is so much uncertainty, we can keep communicating, sharing and looking to the future. To borrow from one of the school's touchstones, we are an incredibly resilient school community and we will continue to thrive.

Stay well, with my best wishes,

Matthew Jones
Chair of Governors

