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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ordinarily at the start of this summer term I would be welcoming you all back to school, but as we all now know we are at home for at least another three weeks. I do hope you are all well and coping with having the children at home under such strange and difficult circumstances. At least we have had good weather and have been able to get out to enjoy the sunshine when possible and permitted to do so.

The staff and I are continuing to work from home and keep in touch regularly and I am very much enjoying finding out about some of the topic research and interesting and fun activities the children have been doing at home, in addition to keeping on top of their maths and English. I have really enjoyed hearing about camping trips in the back garden and seeing the photographs of family Egg Dumps, Viking shields, science experiments about plant growth and the baking and artwork many of you are doing regularly.

We are very grateful for all of the support you are giving your children at this time; we appreciate it is not school as we know it, but doing just a little bit of maths and English each day will make such a difference when we eventually return to school. Teachers will continue to send out work via PurpleMash and email and of course there are also many online platforms that you can access for books and activities as well; Oxford Owl are doing free e-reading books during this period. If any of you are having problems accessing the work then please do email either me or your child’s teacher so that we can look at alternative arrangements. Please also keep anything you are doing in addition to what the teachers send you, so that it can be brought back into school when we return.

As yet there is no advice about when we will be able to return to school, but when I know more I will keep you all informed. In the meantime our Hub School for key workers’ children is St Michael’s, Bothel.

This year we would have been taking part in the 75th VE Day celebrations; it is looking unlikely that these celebrations will go ahead in a traditional face to face format, but the staff and I are working on how we can do something together in the virtual world. More details will follow when we have had chance to talk about this and have planned accordingly, but if you use the link below you can register to take part in this and also access some related activities

<https://www.artventurers.co.uk/the-big-neighbourhood-v-e-day-family-festival/>

Please do continue to look after yourselves and encourage your children to continue engaging safely online with their teachers and friends.

With my best wishes

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