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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well and have enjoyed some of the lovely weather we have had in the last week.

I am writing to remind and encourage you all to continue communicating with your class teachers via email each and any week day; send pictures and share successes, activities and any work you have completed together. I know personally how challenging home-schooling can be and we are working strategically to ensure once all our children can return to our schools, that they will have exceptional provision and teaching so that any key areas of the curriculum they have missed or misunderstood will be addressed and taught.

We have tried in these challenging times to ensure that you have access to your teacher on a daily basis via email; you will receive another phone call in the next week or two from your teaching assistant for the purpose of talking about/ to your child/ren and in the final weeks of term, from your class teacher, along with an end of year report for your child. (NB. Because staff are phoning from their personal mobiles, the number may display as being 'withheld'). Any other issues/general queries can be raised via the office email. I am currently working with Senior Leaders to discuss how we can communicate with the whole class together at times and if this is a (viable technological and operational) possibility for the coming weeks.

At this time and in response to some queries received, the Governors and I are guided by the DfE and continually changing advice from the government; we wish whole-heartedly that we could have all our children back in school however as the current situation stands, disappointingly, the small village schools we have, do not allow us to accommodate and split *all* year groups safely; nor do they provide the facilities required to meet the Health and Safety recommendations (e.g. toilets for 'bubbles' of children) in addition to accommodating and staffing the Key Worker provision in facilitating safe provision in line with Health and Safety Risk Assessment guidance.

As time goes on and as guidance and instruction is provided, this may change; until that time, I would like to thank you again for your understanding in this. We have worked tirelessly to exhaust all current options for as many children as possible to return to school, because school is where we want them to be;



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unfortunately, we are unable to use any buildings outside of the school grounds and are currently restricted by our building size and layout. Not all schools' provision will look the same - this may be due to the nature of their school building or staffing levels; provision may differ between schools due to the nature of their technological or operational facility and availability; each school is doing the very best that they can for their children and most certainly, your children's welfare and education is at the very heart of every decision made within our Federation.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding in this matter.

With kind regards,

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