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Dear Parent/Carer

This is not the letter I was expecting to write at the end of the Spring term. It is only two weeks since we have had to get used to the new reality, but it seems like much longer!

I want to put on record our sincere thanks to everyone in our school community for adapting to our new way of working so quickly and with such good grace. It is always an honour and a privilege to be the Headteacher of our school but recent events have brought into even sharper focus how special our pupils, parents, staff and governors are.

Teachers report that the vast majority of pupils are working really well and have had many examples of outstanding pupil work, as well as many innovative ideas and extra work - **well done** to all pupils for their efforts. They also tell me they have never sent and received so many emails in their lives!

We recognise that these are difficult times and it is important to us that pupils try to complete all the work set, but completely understand if they have not been able to, as the pace of a 5 hour day in school will be greater than the pace at home. The important aspect of this is that they have given their best and we are not expecting them to work beyond the 5 hour day. Please pass on our thanks to your sons and daughters for their efforts over the last two weeks.

Just to reiterate my previous email, for the next two weeks it is important that pupils do treat this as a two week holiday period and that no work will be set by teachers. Our planned return date is Monday 20 April 2020, but I do not think there is any way we will return on this date, therefore, work will continue to be set by the teaching staff in the same way from this date. If I receive any updates from the DfE I will of course write to you immediately.

I must also mention that our fantastic staff, led by Mrs Morris are making and distributing PPE from our Technology Department to distribute to health workers throughout Wigan, please follow their efforts on our Twitter account.

We must all remember that the current situation will not last forever and in the grand scheme of things a couple of months sacrifice will make a huge difference to our loved ones and the loved ones of other people who are vulnerable to the virus.

I do hope you are all in good spirits and wish you all a very peaceful, pleasant and happy Easter.

God bless and take care.



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