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Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of our sixth week of unprecedented COVID-19 lockdown, I would like to express my huge thanks to every parent and carer who is staying at home and following the government guidelines to 'Stay at home and stay safe.' School continues to remain open for the children of our key workers and vulnerable children, as it has done every day since the 23rd March.

Teachers also continue to upload work for parents and children to use. Following feedback from a number of parents we changed the updates from 3 times a week to once a week by 10am on a Monday morning. Teachers continue to explore the wide variety of resources on the internet to try and find the best and most appropriate for your children. The idea continues to be to support families to choose items which particularly spark the children's interests and staff also try to cater for all the pupils in their classes. I am grateful to them for all their hard work in researching and finding so many different and interesting resources, whilst also working to keep school open every day.

I hope that despite the fact that Easter this year was completely different you were all able to spend time with your family, using Facetime, Zoom or any of the many other ways of talking using technology. The most important thing for all of our children is to keep reminding them that family, friends, their school and parish communities are all in this together and that by praying for each other we can keep everyone close to our hearts.

Teachers have been ringing around our families this week and next week to catch up with you all and see how you are all managing. So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive and as Headteacher, I would like to thank you all for the warm wishes and kind words offered to the staff for their hard work over this unprecedented time. However, please also remember that school is open every day so you can telephone the office if you need any help and we will do our best to put you in touch with any relevant agencies.

I appreciate all of your continued support through what is a difficult and challenging time, please know that all the staff keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers, most especially all of those who have lost loved ones during this time.

God Bless you all and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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