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Dear Parents and Carers

I just wanted to get in touch with you all now that we are well into our first week of home schooling. I hope that you are all staying safe and well and that the children are settling into their new routines. Thank you to all the parents who are putting so much effort into educating the children at home but equally don't put yourselves under too much pressure at an already stressful time. I have been trying to add comments to Google Classroom as a way of keeping in touch with the children and hope to do more in the coming days.

It's been a difficult time for the staff in school with the pressures of preparing for closure last week, worrying about keeping the children safe until closures were announced and organising new ways of educating online. I want to thank all staff for doing this willingly, with a smile on their face. Also thank you for all your lovely emails and messages, the appreciation has really kept us going.

The uncertainty of how this school year will end means we may have already said goodbye to our year six children. They enjoyed fish and chips and performed an open air variety show for us last Friday. It might not have been the most polished performance (due to time constraints!) but the talent really shone through, they made us laugh and we finished school on a high. I'll be very surprised if we don't see lots of these children as famous stand-up comedians, dancers, singers and actors in the future. Well done Year 6, you did us proud! If we don't return to school before July then we hope that we will be able to arrange a proper goodbye when it is safe to do so.

As Head Teacher I have made some difficult decisions this past week or so. Each one has been carefully thought out with the intention of doing everything we can to promote social distancing and contribute to slowing the spread of COVID19. I hope we have kept you and your families as safe as we could. We are still here, we are still working so please keep in touch.

I can't reinforce enough the messages regarding staying home and avoiding people. It's hard and brings about all sorts of problems, including financial worries. However, there's not a lot that can't be sorted when this is all over. Your health should be your priority now.

I hope that despite all that is going on you are able to take the time to enjoy your children, your homes and the things that we are sometimes too busy to appreciate. To all the frontline workers who can't stay at home, thank you for all that you are doing and stay safe.

I'll be in touch again soon.

Yours Sincerely

Mr T Whitehead
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