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### **Message from Miss Blake**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and coping during this difficult time.

It is a challenging and unsettling time for all of us and I'm sure we all know someone who we are particularly worried about. We understand that children may well be anxious about the changes they are facing, and we have some ideas for how you could support them on the front page of our website. I have to say, however, that your children were amazing last week. I spoke to them in assemblies about the fact that things might be a bit strange at the moment and why that was. We have also made sure that they understood the reasons why the school needed to close for most children, and why some would be coming to school.

As you know, we have produced work that the children can do at home, and we are busy working on more that they can do after the Easter holidays. If you have not picked up your child's work pack and PE kit, please do so if you are able – the school will be open for the time being. We would be grateful if you could help as much as you are able, but we appreciate that this might not be possible if you are looking after little ones or if there is any illness in your family. Please also make use of the many free websites available, a list of which we have also put on the front page of the school website. And if you have any board games shut away in cupboards somewhere, this would be a good time to get them out! Jigsaws are also making a come-back, apparently! We will keep you up to date with additional work and learning resources as time goes on, which will be placed on the school website and will also be sent to you via ParentMail.

School is very strange at the moment. We are open for the children of key workers and the staff are coming in on a rota system. Staff who are not in school are working from home. I can honestly say that I miss the hustle and bustle of a school full of children, and I really hope – as I know we all do – that this unprecedented situation comes to an end sooner than anticipated and that we see your lovely children back in their classes well before the end of the school year.

Finally, please can I say a huge thank you to all of you for being so incredibly supportive. I am immensely proud of the children and the staff for how they have responded to the changes, and I would like to thank all of you for what you are doing to keep your families and the country safe.

Please stay well,

Yours sincerely

Miss Blake