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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and coping under these difficult circumstances.

As we know, the government announced yesterday that they are hoping that schools will re-open from March 8th. Whilst it is great that the children will hopefully be back before Easter, I am sure that most of you – like – us will feel disappointed and frustrated that we won't be re-opening straight after half term.

First of all, I wanted to reassure parents that you are continuing to do an amazing job. We are very pleased with the quality of most of the children's work, and we are having a high take-up in the morning Google Meet sessions in all classes. We know that you are doing the best that you can in very different circumstances, so please don't worry if you have a tricky day and your child doesn't manage to complete everything. Sometimes it is better to have a break than to persevere with tears and tantrums. (And that's just the parents!)

Please remember:

- Children are amazingly resilient. We noticed that when children returned in September after five months being at home, they settled almost immediately to school routines and learning and appeared to be happy and relaxed.
- We are very aware that there will be gaps in the children's learning when they return, and we will work hard to identify them quickly and give additional support where needed. We have already begun planning for this.
- We have a very strong and experienced staff who are excellent teachers, but who also care deeply about your children's mental well-being. They will make sure that they respond to individual needs and will do all they can to make sure that your children are happy and motivated.
- Please remember, that there is ALWAYS a member of staff who can help if you or your child has a question or a problem regarding the learning – or if you or your child need someone to talk to for any reason.

I also thought you might like to know that all staff at school are now taking lateral flow tests twice a week to identify members of staff who are asymptomatic. We all did the first one last night and all of us tested negative.

Once again, I cannot thank you enough for all you are doing at the moment to support your children. I will now – like you – keep everything crossed that people continue to follow the rules and that we will see your lovely children again in March.

Yours sincerely

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