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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are keeping safe and well in these challenging times.

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to thank the School for all it has been doing in the past few weeks. Mrs Barton and the team did an incredible job in keeping the full school going until Friday 20 March. In the midst of increasing pupil and staff illness and absence, and a lot of uncertainty, their dedication and professionalism shone through.

Amidst those challenging circumstances, the team increased hygiene measures and managed to keep the environment as normal as possible for the children while they remained in school, and this was very much appreciated. I'd also like to thank parents and carers for the respect they showed for the measures that were put in place to reduce risk. The understanding and support shown by all during that challenging time was a big help to the school in getting through a difficult period.

Since Monday 23 March the school has continued to function for a small number of children whose parents/carers are key workers. The advice only to use this facility where essential has been respected, and has made it easier for the school to manage the staffing requirements and the increased hygiene expectations involved. I would like to thank all the leaders and staff involved with this service, which is continuing over the Easter holiday period, and is providing an important contribution to our community's response to Covid-19.

It remains uncertain how long the school will be closed for but you will be kept updated as we have more information from the Government. In the meantime, the daily on-line learning will continue next term and some optional activities provided for the Easter period which will be uploaded on Monday.

Having been there for the pupil collection on Friday 20 March, I know it was an emotional occasion. However, we remain part of a special community, and people are supporting each other in the best ways they can at this time. We look forward to a happier time when the school is able to fully open its doors again.

Regards,

Gavin Bostock
Chair of Governors