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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and well in what can only be described as extraordinary circumstances. Firstly, could I please ask that you say hello to all our pupils on behalf of myself and the staff of the school. Our school is certainly a very different and much quieter place without our brilliant, enthusiastic and fun-loving pupils! The noise in the corridor and the buzz of excitement as the children make their way out to the playground for break is truly missed!

I would like to assure all of our parents and carers that we as a school are here to support you through what is a highly unusual and unprecedented situation. If any parent is unable to access the 'Home Learning' tab, please contact your class teacher via the gmail address below.

Our teachers will post a letter to their respective class page on the 'Home Learning' tab. It is important that all parents/carers please send an email to your child's teacher asap so we can save your email address. This will allow teachers to privately forward passwords for use during this period of school closure.

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Next week our teachers will be emailing passwords for the Accelerated Reader Programme which should allow children home access to quizzes. If any parent has difficulty opening this account, they should please contact their class teacher via the given email.

It is hoped that pupils are making good use of their 'Sumdog' subscription while at home and are practising and improving their mental maths skills through these fun, interactive games. If any child has forgotten their password or left their password in school, teachers will, upon request, be able to reissue this password via email.

To our parents and carers who are working on the frontline keeping us safe and those working to keep our services in plentiful supply, I send our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes. Please take care and look after yourselves.

While I recognise that this is a difficult situation for parents and carers, please remember that learning is not just about what happens in the classroom. It is not always about numbers and books! Please try to find a healthy balance! Take time to explore new learning opportunities with your children, watch documentaries on TV, listen to online stories, read, play, exercise and most importantly pray together.

Finally, I look forward to the day when we are able to open the doors of our school and hear the laughter of our children fill the classrooms and corridors once again. In the meantime, please watch over your vulnerable neighbours and look after those close to you. You are very much in my thoughts and prayers.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'F Hughes' in a cursive script.

Mrs Feena Hughes  
Principal