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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all having a lovely, relaxing weekend and have, over the weeks, found some kind of routine that you have settled into amidst all the uncertainty. Thank you for your continued support with your child's home learning - we truly appreciate all the time and effort you are putting in. I realise that, at times, this will not be an easy task but you have to decide on the best balance for your family; keeping safe and well and being happy is the most important thing.

The staff and I love to hear about the learning that is taking place, so please feel free to share that with us. Some of the items that have been shared already are simply amazing and we are so proud of the children. We do miss each and every one of our pupils and I know the staff have thoroughly enjoyed speaking with the children on the phone or through Seesaw/ BKSB.

If you are unsure of anything regarding the home learning or need help with something else, please contact the school or email your child's class teacher.

We have remained open throughout the weeks and will continue to do so with a skeleton staff. Please get in touch with me as soon as possible if you intend for your child to come into school if they haven't already.

Despite the headlines, there is no guidance as yet as when and how all schools will reopen. We have remained open and continue to practice social distancing in school, with strict protocols around activities such as games and PE and hygiene. It is not easy with younger pupils but your children have been amazing at sticking to the rules.

Even when schools do reopen, it will not be 'as normal' as will have to reduce the overall number of pupils in at any time, but as ever, I will keep you informed of our plans at every step of the way.

The DfE has a COVID 19 helpline for questions related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline by phone on 0800 046 8687. 8 – 6 Monday to Friday or 10 – 4 at weekends.

Finally, it is VE Day this Friday 8th May. The Friday we will be closed for the bank holiday but on the Thursday we intend to celebrate this incredible event by holding a VE day party. We will be doing special activities, crafts and games relating to WW2 and the 1940s. We will also have a themed lunch and will be decorating the school with bunting and artwork. If you and your child want to create anything and send it in, we would love to share it!

Take care - keep safe and well.

Michelle Parkes

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