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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write and THANK YOU all for your support and patience this week. We are in uncharted waters and although we are all trying to get used to new ways of working, there will be problems to resolve and frustrations along the way. But if we all work together; we will get there!

I hope that you and your children are keeping well and that the sunshine has played its part in your week running as smoothly as possible.

It has been fantastic to see so many of our children engaging with the Google Classroom – I know some of you had challenges initially but hopefully these have all been resolved. During the week (in term time) the classroom is monitored by staff so your children can raise any questions they have. You can also send a message on the My Ed app or call one of the school mobile numbers (07874 690551 or 07564 612889 9am-3pm) and someone should be able to help.

I know there have been a few frustrations about Free School Meals, but hopefully you will have all now received your voucher which takes you up to the Easter break. If you haven't, please let the office know via the My Ed app and they will follow this up for you. We are awaiting more news over the coming couple of weeks as to what this will look like after Easter and as soon as I know, I will let you know too.

We will not be setting work for over the Easter break and staff will not be monitoring the google classroom during this time. This allows your children and our staff to have a break from school. However, there is a Battle of the Bands being launched this Saturday (28th March) running until April 3rd at 6pm if your children want to be part of this. They will know how to log in to their TT Rockstars account.

We have been communicating with our key workers who have needed childcare support through the My Ed app and this has helped us ensure we have correct staffing levels and support in place this week. Those who had requested childcare support over the holidays are aware already, but we are NOT OPEN at ALL AFTER Thursday 9th April even for KEY WORKER'S children. This is to ensure that ALL staff get a break before the new term starts. A huge thank you to parents and carers who have kept their children at home where possible; this really has been appreciated.

We don't know what it will look like after Easter, but it seems unlikely that we will be returning to school straight away. We will think carefully as a staff about how we plan activities and learning for your children and will keep you posted.

Take care and stay safe – we miss you all and look forward to the day you can all return safely.

Best wishes

Mrs Scott