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Dear Parents,

We have now all been socially distancing for a week and I wanted you all to know that we are thinking of you and hope you are all coping with the new situation. The world is very different from only one short week ago when I last wrote.

The teachers have been uplifted by the many messages they have been receiving from you and the children. You are all doing a fantastic job. Some parents are worried about how much we are expecting the children to do. The answer is - there is no answer! Engagement with online activities will vary from family to family and I know that many of you have been taking the opportunity to enjoy the glorious weather which has been very welcome after months of torrential rain. There is also a huge amount of new material being published online and on TV all the time from keep fit to art tutorials and cooking masterclasses – All of these are valuable tools to help parents and children, **if** you manage to find the time whilst juggling the pressures of working from home. The most important over-riding message I can give you is to look after your child's emotional and mental health during this confusing and bizarre time, not to mention your own!

If you need to contact us, you can contact your child's teacher as you already have been doing. Although school is open, offering reduced provision, the staff are generally with the children rather than working in the office, so the phone will usually not be answered. However, you are able to leave a voice message. Alternatively, Mrs Needham and I are regularly checking the usual school email.

The teachers will not be posting work over the Easter holidays and hope that you and your families have a well-earned break if you possibly can.

With kindest thoughts on behalf of myself and all of the staff team,

Mrs G. Harvey