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I do hope that you and your family are well and wish to extend my thanks for your continued support and patience at this challenging time. We know that it is such a frustrating experience and appreciate the significant efforts you are all making.

With only 6 weeks left until we break for the summer holidays, I thought it important to share with you the school's current plan which will continue until 17th July and be reviewed during the summer holidays. We are currently working on a plan to offer further opportunities to connect through outreach for the period through to September. I know our families will appreciate the complexities with planning too far in advance, given the continual changes to Local Authorities and Government guidance, and with this in mind, we have been working tirelessly to build our 'recovery curriculum' and will provide you with more details of it in due course. It is important that we all remember that any plans can be overturned by the outbreak of Covid-19 in any community, and whilst we are actively working to minimise risk, this is why we have made the decision to provide reduced access in school for some children, support families with outreach, and respect decisions to keep children at home where it is appropriate to do so.

Our duty is to help lower the risk of the Virus spreading by taking preventative measures and those that are reasonably practical, therefore we are working on three core responsibilities:

-  Meet the needs of our children and their families
-  Protect staff and their families
-  Play our part in controlling transmission

The Department of Education and Ofsted expect that *schools offer reduced access in order to prioritise the needs of the most vulnerable young people*. We will continue to admit children based on their emerging needs and our ability to meet them considering the complications and challenges associated with the implementation of Government restrictions. The attached leaflets will hopefully provide you with some information on the actions we are taking to minimise risk. For those children in school on various attendance patterns, we have created 'bubbles' which comprise of consistent staff offering support.

Where children's needs are being met at home, we will continue to support with a bespoke package and various means of meeting your child's social, emotional mental health needs and interests. Whilst we all share concerns about academic learning, I think you will agree that we also need to strike a good balance with their wider wellbeing and so we will continue to use key staff to connect and reconnect with your child and our families in creative ways. We will respect any family's request to keep their child at home and acknowledge the Government's most recent slogan *Stay at home as much as possible*.

I must thank you wholeheartedly for your support and your energy and determination during these times. Returning surveys and QoL questionnaires has helped tremendously with our planning and means that we can continue with the work which focusses centrally on helping your child become the best he can be, and improving quality of life for all our families.

With best wishes,

Sue

Principal