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Dear Parents,

Goodbye for now and please keep yourselves and your family safe during this difficult time.

We do not know when we will be returning to school but once we do, I will be able to say a proper goodbye as I take up my retirement.

I remain Headteacher of this school until 31st August and I have assured the Governors that I am happy to help in any way that I can.

The Governors have appointed Mrs Leonie Theobald as interim Headteacher for the Autumn term and will actively seek to recruit a Headteacher once things get back to normality. I will give Mrs Theobald all the support I can.

In the meantime, we have been working hard to organise support for the children of key workers at the school. **The advice from Government is that if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. This is the safest place for them and the community. Please do all you can to keep your child at home with you.**

We are providing a child care service for those key workers who are on the front line, unable to keep their children safe at home whilst they work. We are only taking children whose parents have confirmed that they are key workers according to the Governments list. The school will be open from 8.30pm to 5.00pm each week day with staff who will be working on a rota basis. We will do all we can to keep this running for as long as we can, subject to the health of our staff.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them and we will provide a snack during the afternoon.

Please keep informed of developments and learning by visiting the website. The teachers will be posting suggested work each morning apart from weeks 6th and 13th April. I have asked them to write reports on children's achievements to date and send them to you once complete. Realistically, this will take a number of weeks. Your child's report will be sent to you via the class email accounts that have been set up for this time.

Keep safe and hope to see you later in the year. Norma Penny, Headteacher