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Dear Parents

As promised, here is my letter for today to keep you as up to date as possible as to where we are as a school family.

- I have instructed all staff to be off site by 3:45pm each day to ensure that we are limiting the number of people who are in contact with each other as much as possible and to get people safely home as soon as possible.
- Thank you to those of you who are applying 'social distancing' from one another on the playground at pick up time. It might seem rude but now is the time to be staying apart!
- Thank you for your support on the school doors this morning following yesterday's letter explaining that we are asking any additional adults (including parents) to remain outside of the school building. You were amazing and let us escort your children in, including to Breakfast Club. I am really grateful.
- We believe that school closures are inevitable. Therefore we have been working behind the scenes to make sure that we will have a simple way to share work and fun activities with your children that they can access should they and you be well enough to do so. Please look for a separate letter.
- Can we remind you that if your child or someone in the house has one or more of the symptoms then the full 14 day self-isolation period is required? Please do not send your child back because they are feeling better.
- We have had some parents concerned that their child's hands are getting raw due to the amount of handwashing that they are doing during the school day. I will continue to ask my staff to keep this regime up as it is a simple but vital weapon in fighting the infection.
- We have made the decision to do ***ALL Mothers Day gifts tomorrow*** just in case of school closure on Friday. Please send all money in an envelope tomorrow and we will sort this with the children tomorrow. If school is open on Friday (which is currently the case) then we can mop up any missed children. However, tomorrow is the safest day to make it happen.
- The staff continue to be exceptional.

Thank you for your kind words of support and encouragement and recognition of the difficult position we are in as a school – it so appreciated. There is a chance that a government announcement later in the day will supersede this letter. If this is the case then I will be in touch again.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Hunter'.

Mrs S Hunter  
Headteacher