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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to make contact with you at the start of our Summer Term. I hope that in the midst of all that is going on, you have been able to find some time to relax with your families.

I am very conscious that over the Easter period, many in our local area and further afield have been directly affected by COVID-19 to varying degrees and that some have lost their lives. If you or anyone in your family is ill or is coping with bereavement, please do let us know and be assured that you are in our prayers. I hope that anyone who is ill makes a full and swift recovery.

As with last term, work will be set for your son/daughter via Firefly and we will do all we can to set an appropriate, manageable amount of suitably challenging work. I very much appreciate the support you are providing in supporting your child's learning; we do recognise that working at home can prove difficult for some pupils and for parents as they balance keeping their children motivated with their own work commitments and responsibilities to other family members. Our teachers will contact you if they are concerned that there is a danger of your son/daughter falling behind as we want to ensure that they are not disadvantaged when we eventually return to normal schooling. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide you with assistance or further guidance or you have any comments on the work that is being set.

On Monday, two additional online resources were launched nationally:

- Oak Academy online learning: <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>
- BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

In the first instance, teachers may refer directly to these two online resources and you may also find them helpful in supporting your child's learning.

Please continue to let us know if your child is unwell or if there are particular challenges in your family that are making it difficult for them to work so we can make their teachers aware of this.

Our in-school provision for the children of key workers and vulnerable children continued throughout the Easter break and will do so throughout this closure period.

At the time of writing, there has been much speculation in the media regarding the reopening of schools. Should there be any change in the current position, we will, of course notify you via Firefly, our website and Facebook page.

Thank you once again for all your support in these challenging times. I do hope that you and your families stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Grice
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