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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good weekend, and enjoyed the sunshine.

Thank you to all of you who have returned the forms regarding internet access and the provision of hard copies of home learning packs. We have been working to prepare these packs for you, and can confirm that if you had requested these, they are now ready for you to collect. Please can I ask that if you need paper copies of the home learning packs, you inform us by the end of today? This will allow us to make sure we have sufficient copies printed for you, without wasting valuable time and resources by printing more than we need. Thank you.

I would also like to thank the large number of parents who have taken the time to email us their thanks and support over the past few days and weeks. Your comments are very much appreciated by us all. This is an incredibly unusual situation, which has caused teachers around the country to completely change their way of working. To some degree, at this time, every teacher is feeling their way as we adapt the resources and learning opportunities we can offer to suit this very challenging time, and I thank you for your patience and understanding as we learn together. To this end, I apologise for the teething problems we experienced uploading some of the home learning activities onto the website on Friday. Teachers have spent a huge amount of time preparing work for the children (whilst working remotely, without access to all of their usual resources). As I would hope you will appreciate, simply uploading seven classes worth of work onto the website is quite a challenge in itself. I am sure that as we become more familiar with which documents are easiest to load etc, things will become a bit quicker. Mrs Potter and Mrs Hardy spent much of their weekend dealing with the website and uploading the vast amount of work prepared by our teachers. I personally would like to thank all of the staff involved for giving up so much of their time, both over the weekend and over the Easter holiday (when many of them were also in school with key workers' children), to allow us to be in a position whereby the children have a full range of home learning activities available to them each Monday.

Please note that if you have requested packs, these will be available for you to collect from school on Monday mornings. Due to the numbers involved, and the fact that we are collating the packs in school from teachers working remotely, I am afraid we are unable to have them ready for you before then. I am also obviously aware of social distancing and have every confidence that people will behave sensibly and distance themselves appropriately, when they collect the packs, without the need for further guidance from me!

Reading books will also be ready for you to collect from Wednesday. We will be able to provide three reading books at a time. Unfortunately, we can *only offer reading books to those children who are following a reading scheme* – if your child is a free reader, and chooses their own reading books, we would ask that you provide books from home, please. Alternatively, I have attached a

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link to the sign-up page for the library service – this will allow you to access free ebooks for your child. As a last resort, if your child prefers “proper books”, Amazon at least are continuing to sell books, and it can be very exciting to choose a new book together and wait for it to be delivered!

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/ebooks-eaudiobooks-emagazines-ene newspapers>

I am sure that many of you will have heard the speculation regarding a possible date for schools to re-open. Please be assured that as soon as I hear anything from an official channel, I shall let you know. At this stage, I have exactly the same information as you – namely the statement from Gavin Williamson yesterday that “No decision has been made on a timetable for re-opening schools. Schools remain closed until further notice, except for children of critical workers and the most vulnerable children.”

We are also currently finalising the children’s reports for you, with the intention of getting them to you over the course of next week. If you are coming to school to collect home learning packs, or reading books, we shall have the reports ready for you to collect at the same time. For the rest of you, we shall be delivering the reports to you over the course of the week.

I am looking forward to seeing some of the home learning that has been taking place later this week, and to sharing some of the children’s work with you soon. Please do take care, and stay safe, and hopefully the light at the end of the tunnel will become ever brighter!

Kind regards

Tina Holditch

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