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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well. It has been good to hear how people are as a result of the teacher check in emails we did this week. Please can you make sure you respond if you haven't already so we know you are safe and well.

While we continue to exist in uncertain times, it does seem that we can reasonably expect the same situation to continue after Easter and for school to continue to operate with as few students and staff in so we can keep people as safe as possible. Boris Johnson is writing to us all in the near future and he has already shared that the letter will tell us this situation is likely to continue for some time.

The latest guidance on school closures from the government, updated on March 31st 2020 states:

We have asked parents to keep their children at home wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response who absolutely need to attend...the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, will protect the NHS and save lives by reducing the risks of spreading the virus.

While I appreciate there are very different demands on our parents and carers having students at home, it is the safest place to be if it is at all possible. I hope you are finding some support in the blog and those of you on Facebook, in our Mabel at Home Facebook page, as well as the teacher check in emails and the Friday afternoon choir. I am sorry we cannot offer more at this time. As I have shared previously, we are unable to offer a place to all our students on the basis they have an EHCP as we would not be able to reduce the exposure to the virus for students and staff. We are using the government guidance and then risk assessing with parents on an individual basis, if they do meet the criteria.

After Easter, unless there is a change in guidance we will continue to open only for those students we have currently identified as absolutely needing to attend. We will continue to support you remotely as far as we can and can I remind you we are on the phone and very willing to offer support, provide guidance and have a chat.



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I really hope we will be through this sooner than expected and the only way we can do this is by adhering to the guidance to stay at home wherever possible and practice social distancing as far as possible.

Take care everybody, stay in touch and stay safe.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Wawrzyniak', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lucy Wawrzyniak
Head Teacher