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Dear Parent/Carer,

Earlier this week we received confirmation from the government that schools will be remaining closed to all but key worker and vulnerable children until March 8th at the earliest. It's clear that there are a number of targets related to the fight against COVID-19 that will need to be met for all children to return to school at that time, but it does mean that we now have some clarity over how we will be learning and working over the next six weeks.

We are all obviously very disappointed that we won't have all children back with us next month, however the continued fantastic response from children, families and staff has given me a real lift and shows that, even in times as tough as these, our school community remains strong and the children can still learn and communicate with their teachers and classmates.

Parent Survey

Included in the email this letter will be attached to is a link to our new parent survey. This is a short, multiple choice questionnaire put together so we can evaluate our current remote learning offer and, where necessary, act on feedback given. There are opportunities within the survey to add comments and all feedback will be anonymous.

Please take the time to complete the survey over the next week; it should not take any longer than five minutes to complete and the feedback provided will be used by myself, the senior leadership team and governors to evaluate and improve on what we are doing.

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum will be taking place next week on Wednesday 3rd February at 7pm on Zoom (log-in details will be sent out via email on the day). These forums are always a vital opportunity for me to hear what is working well, what could be improved and also any answer any questions people may have regarding the current situation. If you are available to attend the forum next week, your input would be warmly welcomed.

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Telephone Calls from Staff

As mentioned in last week's letter, teaching staff have begun making phone calls home to see how children in their class are getting on. As some staff members will be making these calls from home, please be aware that they may appear as a 'withheld number'. This is so staff do not have to reveal their mobile/home phone numbers.

Oak Academy

Some of you will have noticed that each year group occasionally uses a resource from an external provider to support children's learning. One such platform is the 'Oak National Academy' who provide a wide range of videos and activities to support children's learning across the curriculum.

ONA was created by the Department for Education in April of last year as a rapid response to the coronavirus outbreak. More than forty teachers and colleagues from leading education organisations in the United Kingdom came together to support schools' efforts to keep children learning and this has led to over forty million lessons being delivered to primary and secondary aged pupils since March. For more information, head to www.thenational.academy.

Finally, thank you once again for your continued support of your child's learning and of our school community. We will continue to update you with any relevant information between now and the end of term, but in the meantime please get in touch via the school office if there is anything else we can do to support you and your family.

Best wishes,

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I am sure that, like myself, you have been impressed with the work on offer for your child so far this term. However, **if you do have any constructive feedback around what is being provided, can I ask that this is sent to the school office by email (office@stpetersprimary.co.uk) or phone (01454631137)**. I can then ensure that this feedback is passed on to staff at an appropriate time, as opposed to it being sent to them directly on Google Classroom.

Starting next week, teaching staff will be making phone calls home each week to as many of their pupils as they can between then and the end of term. Please be reassured that these phone calls are in no way monitoring calls or a way of keeping tabs on anyone; the purpose is to check-in with as many of our families as we can and make sure we are doing everything we can to support you all.

Safeguarding

Please remember that you are able to contact school to report any safeguarding or child protection concerns you may have during this worrying time. These can be sent to our school email address (office@stpetersprimary.co.uk) or by calling the office (0145 631137); if no-one is able to take your call, please leave a message with your name and contact number and either myself or Mr Hunt will be in touch ASAP.

Alternatively, the following individuals/teams are still working within our local area and can also be contacted to report any safeguarding/child protection concerns:

Local Authority's Designated Officer (LADO)

Tina Wilson 01454868508 / Tina.Wilson@southglos.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Access & Response Team

01454 866000 / accessandresponse@southglos.gov.uk

Finally, once again a huge 'thank you' for your continued support of our school during this time. I'd like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend; please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need anything at all.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Buckley', written in a cursive style.

Rhys Buckley