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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Welfare Check and Update

Good morning, everyone. I hope that you're all doing as well as can be expected and that the pressures brought on by the lockdowns aren't proving too much. At school we've been keeping the skeleton staff going and the majority of us are now working from home. Teachers have been busy with researching and updating their class pages for further resources to support children who are away from school and just to keep in contact with each other. The regular routines at school are still in place ready for when we come back and this morning, as part of our 'virtual' Monday Staff Briefing I shared a prayer with everyone that I hope will bring us all comfort; please do take some time today in joining us in prayer with your children and let them know that everyone in our community has been saying this prayer today:

Lord Jesus

In these times of uncertainty and worry, we pray for your presence with each of us.

When we can't be together we pray that you'll help us remember that we are held together by your love for us and our love for each other.

Amen.

You'll have heard yesterday afternoon that the Deputy Health Minister speculated that a return to normality may be six months away. She also made it clear that this wasn't necessarily the length of the lockdown, but that she was expecting things to get worse before they get better. As we move forward into this crisis, I wanted you all to know that I am indebted to you all for heeding the advice about staying at home and keeping yourselves and your children safe. I am mindful that there may be very small numbers of children who have self-isolated who are also Key Worker children and will need to use the childcare at school after Easter. Please do communicate with me directly about this. In order to make sure I have the staffing in place, please let me know 48 hours prior to the childcare being required – remembering that this is only to be used as a last resort. For those children who are vulnerable, we will be in contact with you about this after the holidays.

After the Easter Holidays we'll hopefully be in a situation where we can see a little further ahead. Rest assured, I'll be in regular contact with you – typically on a Monday and Friday, just providing updates from school and ensuring that things are in place to support our families. Over Easter my updates will be slightly more liturgical as we celebrate Easter.

As in the past, these communications will come out via Ping, the website and Facebook pages. As each one comes out, the older communications will be archived on the website, just in case you need to check something that I've written. Thanks again for your constant support.

Take care, everyone.

Kind regards,

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