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Dear Parents & Carers,

The staff and I would like to thank you all for the positive feedback we've had this week from so many of you. We hope you've all had a good week and we're certainly glad the weather has been sunny - somehow it makes everything seem better! All staff are very happy to answer any questions you have, however large or small, so do keep asking and we'll all do our best to respond.

Also, we're happy if you just want to get in touch without any questions just for a chat.

You've all just done 6 weeks out of school with your children in difficult circumstances given that there is much to worry about - that's the length of the summer holidays, so if you are feeling a bit frazzled at any point please take time to congratulate yourselves on getting this far! We know everyone's experiences are very different - for some home school is a huge pleasure but we also know that so many of you are trying to work your own full time job at home with children's needs to meet too, some of you with children in multiple schools - so some days are going to be harder than others. We know you'll all be doing a great job and children playing is just fine.

This week Mrs Powell and I met at school (at a safe distance), the first time we've been in school at the same time since we left. We were very pleased to see each other! We worked with our school accountant who was on the phone for several hours, also trying to manage her own young children in the background - complex finances, a spreadsheet on computer and small children is definitely a challenge and I'm not sure they really mix! Sarah the accountant did a fantastic job.

As yet, no confirmed news of schools reopening or the timescale for this, we are all waiting for the Government announcement on Sunday, when maybe we'll know a bit more. It certainly seems as if we are heading for partial re-opening for some year groups in a gradual way. I know it is frustrating not to know any more detail but I'll let you know as soon as I can how this will look in our school.

Thank you to all those who made it to Google Hangouts this week - it was lovely to see so many of you. If you didn't make it this week we hope to see you next week! Children don't have to talk unless they want to so if you want to drop in to have a look then please do - it's easy to click off the screen if you don't like it! Planned times for next week will be posted on Google classrooms and I will send a text message reminder. I've seen a few of you for book changes, please get in touch if you'd like to set a time to call in to get more books.

Have a good weekend and a lovely week next week,

'An inspirational setting where all children flourish' what more could we say!

Stay safe and well,
 Mrs Barron

Children and online safety away from school

Your children should not be interacting online with anyone without your knowledge or permission. Any websites that they access should be checked first by yourselves as parents. If you do decide to supplement the school online teaching offer from Google Classrooms with support from online companies, websites, youtube videos (or similar) or personal tutors please ensure this comes from a reputable organisation/individual who can provide evidence that they are safe and can be trusted to have access to children.

If there are concerns about online safety that you or your child come across online, then please report back these to school. You should also use the links below for age appropriate practical support and knowledge of how to report and safety and online abuse issues:

[Childline](#) - for support

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - to report and remove harmful online content

[CEOP](#) - for advice on making a report about online abuse

Further support for you to keep your children safe online can be accessed from websites such as those listed below:

[Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[London Grid for Learning](#) - support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC

[Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

We recommend that you look at one or more of these to ensure that you are able to keep your children safe online at home. The links in these lists were provided as part of Government advice to schools to share with parents and children.



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