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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with sadness that I am writing this letter to you at this time. I am sure that you will join me in thinking that this has been a crazy week. The staff and I are very grateful for your positive messages and if there were ever a time to receive them, it is now! We must keep in the forefront of our minds that the closure of the school is to keep us all safe and well and to protect those who are particularly vulnerable to getting the illness.

The children and staff have had a lovely fun end to the term today and each child is coming home with a little Easter egg from the us. Yesterday, they also brought home a pack of learning tools which will help them keep up to speed with basic skills. We are working on setting up an online teaching resource through the Dojo app. You will be required to respond to an invitation from Dojo to activate it. This will allow the children to access fun learning activities and stay in contact with their teachers. You will also be able to contact the teachers through this medium rather than email if you prefer. You will be able to respond and share your learning and activities through photos with the teacher and they can then share them through a whole class system to keep everyone in touch, safely!

There will be a weekly update of learning activities that children can access. I have also updated our website with lots of learning links for you, which range from physical and well-being to maths, literacy and computers. There is a vast amount of resources available on the internet. We would like the children to continue to use their TT Rockstars accounts and we are looking into some further subscriptions. Look out for these on the website and through the Dojo app. We would encourage you to go beyond the curriculum during your time at home, by teaching your child many different life skills. It is a great time to read, read and read. Other activities could include:

- Cooking
- Singing
- Exercise
- Dance



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- Gardening
- Puzzles/Card Games
- Learning to ride a bike/cycling
- Walking

There are so many opportunities to enjoy, as well as special time with our families. I do hope that the time will not be fraught and you will look back on this time and reflect, that it was a time to stop and let the world heal and a time to unite and look after one another.

For a small number of you, we will be open to provide vital, emergency care, but remember to put our health at the top of your agenda so that our nation can stay safe. This is the time to teach our children lifelong learning around keeping safe and healthy. Should we need to shut, alternative provision will be made at another school close by. Our aim is to keep in regular contact with you either through Dojo or letters on the website as it may not always be possible to email you directly.

I wish you all a happy and safe weekend and a very happy Easter!

Best Wishes,

Deborah and all of the team at Northchapel Community Primary

