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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for taking your time to consider your options about your child/children returning to school. We know the letter from Sammy and I was stark, but we wanted to give you a realistic picture of what to expect. We fully understand your concerns and respect your decision for your child to remain at home during this difficult and unprecedented time. As we explained in our letter, the government will not be penalising parents who choose to keep their children at home. This is the first wave of returning to school and as we ease lockdown there may be further opportunities for your child/children to return to school depending upon the numbers of children and staff availability.

Please continue to access the resources and links which we are publishing on our school website and Facebook page and via the PTFA WhatsApp group. Do keep sharing the lovely activities you are doing with your children. Please contact school /teacher if you want particular resources, advice or guidance. You can still borrow resources and books from school during this time.

Remember you are doing an amazing job home schooling. We are all really impressed with all that we have seen and heard and whilst we accept that you children have missed being in school they have of course benefited from spending quality time with their families.

As you know we only have 4 teachers (including myself) available to work in school due to the impact of CoVid-19. A teacher who is working from home will still contact you on a weekly basis to see if there is anything they can do to help and support you. This may not be your usual teacher as they are now teaching within a 'bubble' full time. Miss Horrell will contact parents of children in Reception and Year 1. If you do want to speak to either Miss Budden or Mrs Hagley then you can still email them but they can only respond on a Wednesday afternoon (unless it is urgent) when they have some allocated planning time.

These are indeed unusual times, we know that many people are feeling the pressure and stress of the lockdown fallout not to mention the virus itself.

We wish you and your family well, take care and be safe

With all my very best wishes and kindness

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and all the team at RPS

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