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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this latest weekly update finds you and your family well.

We had yet more disappointing news this week with the Prime Minister announcing on Wednesday that the earliest schools would begin to re-open will be 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. For many of our children, this will mean that since the start of this pandemic, they will have missed 21 weeks of being in school so far. We know that this amount of time away from school will impact children in different ways. For some, they will resume where they left off but for others, the transition back to school will be very challenging for them. It is really important that you communicate with the school regularly so that we can make the transition back to full-time education in school as seamless as possible. If you do have any worries or difficulties, please contact the school and our team will be more than happy to support.

Next week, several of our classes will be moving across to a new learning platform: 'SeeSaw' and moving away from 'Purple Mash'. Teachers have been busy uploading work to the platform and we are confident that it will be more accessible for parents and children on all devices. We also want to continue to celebrate the brilliant work that children are doing at home so please do upload photos of work so that we can display them around the school.

Can I please remind you, as per my previous letter, that we will no longer be sending out a request form for places in school. Those children who already have places will continue to have that place in school at this time. If anybody wishes to be considered for a place for their child, you must contact the school office to discuss your reasons and circumstances.

Finally, we know how hard you are working, juggling both your own work lives and supporting your children with their remote learning. The engagement of our remote learners is increasing and we want to THANK YOU for sticking with it. As with anything that is 'not the norm', it can be scary at first but the more you do it, the more familiar you become with it.

If you are having any issues with connectivity or need an electronic device for your child to access remote learning, please get in touch with us and we will do whatever we can to help.

Yours Sincerely,

Stuart Mills  
Headteacher

