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Dear Children (and your families)

I really wanted to take time this week to write to you as it has been just over two weeks since we had to close the school to most of you. We have been working really hard putting lots of plans into action to support many of you and your families, we hope that we've managed to do this although we know not everything is perfect.

I especially hope you are being kind to your parents and carers who have been trying to help you over the last fortnight – please remember that us grown-ups are anxious and unsure about what is happening too and they need your love just as much.

Our staff always talk about “being a Rise Parker” what it means and how it is important in school and life generally, now is the time to demonstrate this every day at home too.

Our school is still open to some children – I wish it was all of you but until we beat the coronavirus together it can't be and it is very difficult for the younger children to understand this. I know the school staff have spoken to many of your parents over the phone and we will help and support as much as we can during this time you are not in school.

Although two weeks have passed I am sure some of you will still be finding it all strange – you are allowed to be wobbly from time to time. Remember you are not alone, you are part of our community and things will get better. Although some of you may feel a little frustrated and even annoyed at having to stay at home it is what we need to do to help everyone stay safe.

I am so proud of how you responded in school over the two weeks when things were changing so quickly, even the children in the nursery and reception quickly followed the hand washing routines – I don't know how many times I heard the Happy Birthday song!

On a personal note, I am missing you all and I know the staff are too. I love to visit your classes, look at your books, chat to you in the dinner hall and on the playground.

As the Summer term arrives there is plenty of work for you to dip in and out of but please don't feel you have to work endlessly, particularly if you are in Reception and Nursery.

Aim to stay kind and remember that you are loved by lots of people. Things will get better and you will come back to school. Life is full of challenges and some are bigger than others but the important thing is how you respond to them. However, what I do know is that challenges are easier to overcome when you work together.

Take care of everyone and stay safe.

Mrs Kelly and the staff at Rise Park.

