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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and all your family and friends are keeping well. All the staff at school are keeping well.

I hope all our new starters got my text that the new starter packs will be available on 9^{th} July, not 4^{th} July!

Our last learning pack for the summer term will go out on Monday 6th July. Please could you return the previous work packs, and any reading books, as it will help us to identify where children may have gaps for September. I know it has been a long time and children's enthusiasm is waning but if you can do as much of the packs as possible it will be beneficial. Hopefully in September we will not need to return to packs!

Towards the end of the term, date and time to be decided, please could you return your last work pack and any reading books to school. We will leave out any children's books that can go home too. We will try to release teachers to be at the gate to say goodbye.

We would love to do some form of a leaver's ceremony for our Year 6s but as the Government say adults cannot meet in groups of more than 6 we are not sure how to arrange this yet. As guidance changes we will keep you updated.

We have sent out a questionnaire to parents so that we can learn from this unprecedented time, which we hope will not be repeated! We have also included questions from before lockdown so that you can help us to continually improve.

The Government has said that all children will return in September, although we do not yet know if different arrangements will need to be in place. At present we will plan on all children coming back, on 7th September, in uniform as normal, however I cannot guarantee that all children will be back in full time.

Stay safe and well, your safety and wellbeing are of paramount importance to us. Please say hello to your







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children from us and say that we are thinking of them all. You remain always in our hearts and we will look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best wishes Karen Wrixon







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