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Easter Letter to our school Community 9th April 2020

Dear Parents, carers and pupils,

In these challenging times, I wanted to write to our whole school community with an Easter message. It has been a strange and difficult time for both our school and the wider community. Our routines and way of life have been altered for the time being. We really miss you all!

I want to thank the members of the community who have helped us to keep supporting our families and all of our suppliers, who have kept providing us with food during this difficult time.

To our amazing members of staff, who have been in teaching and supporting the children of key workers and our vulnerable children. Our teams have been calling different families weekly to check in and working hard to pull together home learning packs so our children can continue to learn at home. Thank you!

I would also like to thank our families for their ongoing support - we understand this is a big change but we have heard from so many of you! You are doing a great job supporting the learning of the children and the patience you show every day when you probably hear "we don't do it like that at school!" and still carry on!

I know through conversations, people have all noticed that everyone is being kinder, have got to know neighbours they didn't know, strangers nod, sometimes even smile and say hello. I really hope that 'continues', when all this is over...

You only realise how precious something is, once you lose it. We have all probably taken 'freedom' for granted. Freedom to go where you want, do what you want, whenever you want. That freedom is precious and fragile. That



freedom is an unusual state of affairs for humans - and so when we have it we must really respect, be grateful and appreciate it. It is this 'feeling' I really want to instil in my children.

I want to reassure you all that we are here to help at any time. We don't know how long this will last, but I do know that for as long it does, our school stands ready to support your family and our community. If you are in crisis and struggling, we are at the end of the phone and will help in any way we can, even if it is just for a chat.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Easter.

Best wishes

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe

Head Teacher