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Dear Parents/Carers and Children

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to all of you to pass on the very best wishes from all at school. These are unprecedented and worrying times and as a Headteacher and father of 2 primary school aged children I fully understand the sacrifices we are all being asked to make. I hope each and every one of you are following the Government guidance and **Staying at Home to Protect the NHS and Save Lives**. It is, of course, now the Easter Holidays and whilst this is an Easter Holidays like no other before we hope this enables you to spend quality family time with your immediate family.

Our school, like many others, has been asked to provide essential childcare and a safe space for children of critical workers and vulnerable children. This is purely as a final option for families that can make no other provision as the guidance makes clear the safest place for your child is at home. We currently have a skeleton staff in school on a rota and are caring for between 2 and 5 children a day.

Please be assured we continue be here to help and support ALL families and our WHOLE school community. Our school website contains a wealth of information needed. Home Learning will continue to be added from the 20th April. Please do not feel any pressure to complete work through the Easter Holidays. We understand Home Learning can provide different challenges for different families – what is most important is to keep children in good routines, ticking over on the basic reading, writing and mathematical skills and maintaining a positive mind-set to learning. There is no pressure or expectation to complete Home Learning – it is there to support families, if needed.

There are many opportunities for you to contact school. **The best way to contact your child's class teacher is through the contact forms on the school website.** However, school is operational most days and I am available to speak to most mornings. We will certainly promptly respond to messages that are left. Our office email office@nspri.co.uk is also checked daily – we are here for you if you need us. **Please do get in touch and if we can help your child or family in any way we can, we will.** A number of families already have and we have met all of their requests – we are happy to share and loan out many of the resources we have in school.

We will also continue to share any pictures from home through our Twitter feed [@nsceprischool](https://twitter.com/nsceprischool). We now have over 200 followers. Email any pictures to office@nspri.co.uk and we will post them for everyone to see. **It is lovely to see the pictures of the children being busy – we miss them all so much!**

Thank you all for your continued support. **School is likely to be closed for a significant number of weeks and I just wanted to reassure all of you we are still here to help and serve our community. Please do get in touch if you need anything.** We are trying to strike the right balance of supporting children and families but also ensuring families have the time and space to make sure the safety of their family is the number one priority. I hope this letter provides some reassurance – **once again please do get in touch if we can be of any help**

Yours sincerely
Mr P Floyd
Headteacher

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