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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to round off the term with a letter to you all. Thank you for your support during what has been a very difficult term. You and your children have been amazing in the face of such adversity and all of the staff here have appreciated your positivity and support.

We currently have a vacancy for a community governor. A community governor cannot be a parent or carer of a child at the school currently but they may be associated with the school in another way eg. a grandparent or local resident. If you know someone who might be interested in finding out a little bit more about the role of a community governor, please ask them to get in touch with me.

I must remind parents and carers that start times for each year group should be adhered to. We have a great number of children arriving in the 15 minutes after their year group's official start time. This is problematic as learning starts promptly and if children arrive after their start time they are missing vital learning. Please can everyone make an effort to ensure that children are punctual next term.

There has been some easing on the guidance this week, for example educational visits/visitors may resume. We will be in touch about this in the summer term and as and when other restrictions are lifted or eased.

A number of people have asked about our Stay & Play group - *Tea and Tots*. Unfortunately baby and toddler groups can only run outside and are capped at 15 attendees at the moment. As soon as these restrictions are lifted, we will endeavour to resume - as we miss this as much as many of you do!

We are hoping that the summer term will feel a lot more "normal" as restrictions are lifted and we are able to plan for some of the usual summer term events that the children (and parents and carers) look forward to.

On a personal level, I would like to thank you for your support of me and the school in my first term of acting headship - your kind words and emails of encouragement have been very much appreciated. The headship recruitment process has begun and interviews for the substantive post will be held in the first week back - I very much hope to be successful in my application, but whatever happens, the school will soon have a permanent headteacher to lead it on the next stage of its journey.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break and enjoy a little bit more freedom than we have all been used to! We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th April.

With best wishes

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