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Dear Parents,

It was with a heavy heart that we closed our school on Friday. As I am sure you will appreciate we have been working so hard to achieve the best for your children, whilst taking care of our colleagues, and trying to plan for an uncertain future.

Our Year 6 pupils will miss out the most if we do not return to school in the summer term, which is looking very unlikely indeed. To not experience and enjoy their final sleepover, or the residential, to not perform in their summer show or get to read out their leavers' speeches at the celebration assembly is heart-breaking. Sadly this virus is not fair and it has affected us all nationally and internationally.

The critical childcare situation is problematic to say the least. Social distancing and childcare do not go hand in hand. I cannot thank the parents enough for not taking advantage of this provision and for being creative and resourceful, organising childcare. News of a headteacher from Furness dying from the Corona virus has hit us all hard and made us take stock. Staying safe ultimately means staying at home whenever possible.

Now that school has closed, we the teachers are turning our attention to the home learning packs. We want to make these as meaningful and productive as possible. So in addition to some links to great websites we will publish spelling lists, and ideas that we had already planned for the summer term. If you want help or clarification about any of the home work, please contact the class teacher via email as they will be working their usual hours from home and/or school when safe to do so.

Below are the email addresses you can contact us on by way of a reminder:

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My thoughts, best wishes are with you all, stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely
Lynn Harrison