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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of the most unusual term I have ever experienced in my career in education. 'Schools are closed', but not actually closed as they provide Educare for the children of critical workers. Teachers are teaching from their own living rooms without the happy buzz of children learning and socialising around them and you as parents are overseeing home learning with your children, confined to your houses in a way that feels unnatural. We are all fighting a war on this terrible virus.

I know this Easter holiday will seem very strange but enjoy the small things, the birdsong, the daffodils and blue sky you can see out of the window. I know that you are not teachers however do not worry, the children can learn so much from you and you can enjoy your time with them, playing games, sharing exercise, baking cakes, and even cleaning the house. You never know they might even enjoy it!

I am writing to you at the end of the first two weeks of your home learning journey to say thank you for all you are doing to support your children whilst we all help this country and its people to stay safe.

I hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy.

Best Wishes



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