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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the summer term. I hope that you managed to have a restful Easter break.

It is an unusual start to the summer term and we all look forward to a time when the school is fully open again. However, we continue to keep the school open for the children of key workers who are playing a crucial role in the battle against Covid-19.

You will be aware that the national lockdown, including school closures, will continue for a further 3 weeks. There has been considerable speculation in the press about the status of schools beyond this, but at this time, there is no information on when or how schools will reopen. We will of course keep you updated as and when we get any further information.

As you are aware, we hastily compiled a work pack for the children when the school closure was announced. Teaching staff have since spent time changing the summer term plans so that the children will have access to the curriculum in a way that does not require direct teaching. Online demonstrations of methods for approaching some mathematical problems have been included and the children will be able to submit an identified piece of their written work through J2Write for teacher marking.

We hope that you find the new weekly work packs useful. However, as I said in my last letter, please do not worry if your child does not complete all of the work.

The remote learning packs will be available on the school website at lunchtime every Sunday, as some of you have said that you need time to prepare for the week ahead. A hard copy of the pack will be available for collection from the school foyer every Monday between 12pm and 2pm for those of you that do not have the facilities to access them from home.

This week BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy launched online sites with daily online learning sessions. We shall be making links to both sites in the home learning packs as appropriate.

The DFE has given some guidance for parents on home learning.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

We will not be providing online lessons or face to face interactions (eg through Zoom) at this time, as this can present some safeguarding issues and also does not offer equality of access for all of our Rokesly families.

I am sure that many of your children will be linking up with their friends through online platforms, which is lovely, but I would urge you to be present when this is happening to monitor these conversations.

The class teachers have enjoyed speaking with the children on the telephone and they will continue to do so on a fortnightly basis.

Thank you to all of the children that submitted an Easter Egg design. Please visit the school website to see all of the cracking entries.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during what is a challenging time for us all. It is very much appreciated!

Yours faithfully,

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