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Dear Parents /carers,

Hope you and all your family are all well.

None of us could have imagined at the beginning of March what the next 4 months would be like. In most of our lifetimes we have not encountered such a period of uncertainty. There have been many challenges, anxieties and worries for everyone both personally and professionally as well as having to learn to how to work, communicate and live in different ways.

From these unprecedented times though there also many positives. Families have had time together, siblings have become closer than ever and people have learnt new skills, rediscovered old hobbies and taken up new challenges.

From school we would like to thank everyone for their understanding and support. Whether that has been by supporting your children with their home learning, attending googlemeet sessions, following our risk assessments for the children who are attending school or by your lovely emails and phone calls we have received during this time.

Our children have been wonderful. From the children who have attended school every day throughout the lockdown, to the year groups who have joined us most recently. They have all done so with a smile on their face and settled quickly into a slightly different environment and way of working. Home learners have also worked hard and completed their tasks being supported by their families, sharing their learning with teachers in school and with their friends on googlemeets.

Finally our staff have been as you would expect outstanding. Every member of the Dunn Street team has played their part in making this period of time the most positive experience it could be for our children, parents and colleagues. Staff have worked tirelessly; in school teaching, communicating regularly with our children and families by phone and on line, dropping off work packs, planning and preparing exciting activities for google classroom and giving generously of their time during holiday periods.

A huge thank you to you all and now, at last, there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel. The DFE published guidance yesterday to support schools with a full reopening in September, further information regarding this to follow. We are all looking forward to September as the beginning of a new year, when the whole Dunn Street family is back together again.

Yours sincerely Mrs A Burden, Associate Head Teacher