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Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to reach out to you all to remind you that although our school is not together in body, we are always together in spirit. We are a family of God and all of our staff are thinking of you each day and praying for you. I would like to share this prayer for our school community with you all.

God our loving Father,
We gather together today in prayer,
But it's not the same: many of us are not here
And there is distance between those who are –
Not the distance of fear or mistrust,
But the distance of care, of thoughtfulness,
The distance that will help us to stop the virus from spreading.

We pray for friends and classmates who are at home.
We know we will see them again in real life
And value their real presence even more, the gift of friendship
Help us to 'see' more clearly what is important,
The good things we had perhaps overlooked,
The small details of everyday life,
Graced with your presence.

We pray for a better world to come out of this –
More grateful for the people who do the ordinary jobs
More just in the way people are treated, more caring for the vulnerable.
We pray for a world which is more determined
To look after the earth, our common home;
A world that will live wisely, think deeply, and love generously.
We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord Amen.
By Raymond Friel

There is much speculation in the media at the moment about when schools will reopen. I cannot tell you for definite when it will be, but please be assured we will only return to school when it is safe to do so. At the moment the advice is to stay home, stay safe and save lives. Many of our families are doing amazing jobs as key workers and we are all so proud of you. You are the true heroes in our eyes and we love you.

God bless you and the work you do,
Stay safe, love from Mrs C and Charley xxx

As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love