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Dear Parents,

As we start term 3, we yet again find ourselves in uncertain times. There has been much talk in the news over the last week about school closures and the new variant of the virus. Firstly, I would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thank you for everyone's continued support, patience and understanding as we have been navigating our way through life in a Pandemic.

The current position of the school at present, and this could of course change at the last minute is, we as a school received no Section 44 letters from our staff and this meant that the school is able to open and able to continue to operate as safely as it can working within the risk assessments we have in place.

There is a great deal of talk of possible partial school closures in the news. If and when this takes place we will inform our school community as promptly as possible. As you may be aware, in the past we have found out of partial school closures in the news, with no prior guidance or warning.

Since October half term we have needed to close 3 class bubbles and the remote learning has taken place for each bubble. The feedback I had from this was positive and the teachers and TAs have worked as a team to ensure that the children are communicated with and work is fed back to. The remote learning policy has been on the school website since the start of this academic year in the coronavirus tab. May I take this opportunity to also say 'Well done' to those parents that have needed to step in, yet again to support their child's learning. It is crucial that the children continue learning when in a 'bubble' closure.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation

Stay safe,

Mrs Sue Woods
Headteacher