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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Regrettably, uncertainty is our 'new normal'. However, what we do know is that lockdown and closure of our school, except for a small number of children who cannot be cared for at home during this time, will continue for the next three weeks. Staying at home will help stop the virus spreading and save lives and wherever possible that is what we need to do. I thank you for your commitment and effort regarding lockdown expectations. I also thank the sterling efforts of all NHS staff and all other key workers. We will come out of this situation at some point and I believe we will be stronger and better connected than ever before. As I have said previously, please try to use this circumstance we find ourselves in as a chance to make some wonderful memories with your child(ren). I hope you are finding the time to watch, wonder and appreciate the small things that make our lives truly wonderful.

It is still hard to believe how our lives have been transformed beyond normal recognition over the last five weeks. I hope you are managing to adjust to this new way of living. I think we have all found these circumstances very challenging but hopefully you are coping. I just want to take this opportunity to reassure you that I will work closely with the local authority, following government guidance and will only reopen when it is safe and practical to do so. I can not give you a date of when this is likely to happen because I am being led by government guidance. I sincerely hope that I will be able to welcome the children back at some point during the Summer term but again that is a decision that is beyond my control. Until then we will keep doing what we are doing and the most importantly we will keep doing it with a smile on our faces.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all pupils and staff who engaged with our first weekly challenge last week. The rainbow montage (produced by Mr Smith) really made me feel happy and warm inside and reminded me of the wonderful Lincoln Gardens community that I am privileged to be part of. I look forward to seeing the Week 2 challenge and finding out what your Teddy Bears have been getting up to during lockdown. Staying connected is a really important part of this isolation period so I strongly encourage everyone to participate in our weekly challenge if you are able to. All of our staff and myself really want to see how all the children are getting on because we are really missing them.

Sunshine always follows rain and we are really looking forward to sunnier times.

Until then, take care and stay safe,

Miss A Nuttall
Headteacher

