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Dear Parents/Carer

A brief update at the end of a very busy week for everyone in school. Thank you once again for the support that most of you have shown the school at such a difficult time. All the staff have appreciated your kind words.

The school is now closed. We will be open on Monday only for childcare for all the children of those parents who have received confirmation from the school that they meet the criteria for a Key Worker or have been invited to be cared for because they have SEN or other needs that are best met within school. We have carefully followed all the government guidance so that we can make the right choices for children and staff at Harleston. If you have not been informed that your child can be in school please don't bring them to school as you will be turned away.

Throughout the period of school closure, our pastoral team of Alison and Mr Mullen will be in school providing support to your children. They will also be in regular contact with several of our families to check their well-being. If you need to speak to them at any time please do not hesitate to contact the school office and Alison or Mr Mullen will telephone you.

Your child will continue to receive regular learning tasks from their class teacher for as long as the school is closed. We fully understand how disruptive learning at home will be to your child but will do our best to support them with their emotional needs. It is a very anxious and worrying time for everyone and your children will not be immune to this. We will do our best to support you all.

Please look out for a weekly newsletter that will keep you up to date with any relevant news and information. This will include telling you when the school will reopen which we hope will be before the end of the summer term. I have been told there is a Facebook group called Kids in Lockdown-Norfolk for homeschooling ideas and activities and is well worth you having a look and joining. This local group will also be a space for you to stay in touch and share ideas as a self-help group.

If you have a child due to start with us in reception for September, we will be organising some form of transition work even if it is all carried out virtually. Please be patient with us as we try to prepare for the future. Of course this will include children in other year groups as they transition to their next year in school.

Talking of transition, our Year 6 children may have been in school today for the last time. This is a time of great sadness as we cannot give them a proper farewell. However, at some time in the future, when the world is a healthier place, we will make sure this year's leavers are treated to a special disco and there may be other surprises for them too.

My sincere thanks to you all. Please stay in touch and continue to support each other through this time of world-wide crisis.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Foreman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Mary Foreman
Interim Headteacher