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Dear boys and girls,

RE: Message from Mr. Duncan to our fabulous children

I hope you are all keeping safe and well at home and trying your very best with all of your tasks and work activities. I must say it felt very strange not having you all in school last week and I'm sure it also felt a little strange for you too. Hopefully it won't be too long before you are all back in school, enjoying lessons, meeting up with your teachers and friends and filling our school corridors with your wonderful laughter and smiles. All of your teachers are thinking about you and they are working really hard to provide you with daily activities to keep your minds and bodies healthy.

Some of you will have heard about the coronavirus and will be worrying about what is happening across the country at the moment, but please don't. There are many fabulous grown-ups working very hard to sort this problem and to keep us all safe and healthy. They are doing a fantastic job! You have also been asked to help them too, by keeping apart from people, other than the family you live with. I know this can be very difficult and confusing, at times, especially when we are not able to visit grandparents and other people we care about, but this will really help our brilliant doctors and nurses. I have heard that many of you were clapping from your windows and doors last Thursday night to say 'Thank You' for all their hard work – well done! Remember, staying away from each other and from our wonderful school will not last forever. I know that you are all 'Wiz Kids' with technology so try to use FaceTime, WhatsApp and other social apps to keep in regular contact with family, friends and school. When you are speaking with grandparents, tell them to make the most of this time relaxing and caring for themselves – after all, they deserve it for all the hard work they do looking after you every day.

Over the next few weeks I would like you to do some daily learning activities which will be posted on our school website. There is no set timetable so plan your day to fit in with your family. Try your best and don't worry if you find some of the work difficult or you can't finish the tasks. You will always come across difficult and challenging situations so try to be as positive as you can. Remember, facing challenges is a healthy part of growing up! If any worries do come, share them with your parents but try to remember, that your parents are not your teachers so please be patient with them and don't get frustrated when they try to explain your work to you. If you want to try work from a lower or higher year group that will be fine too – have a go! Remember to read as much as you can and there will also be lots of other learning resources on our school website for you to use. You can also chat with others from your class using the Purple mash blog – so don't forget to update your friends on how you're doing.





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Use your time with your family well. Spend some time doing lots of fun and helpful things around the house – help tidying up, doing the garden, exercising together, reading stories, cooking together, cleaning the windows and playing kindly with brothers and sisters. If you put your mind to it there are lots of fun things to do to get active and to keep yourself busy!

Health Warning! Don't spend all your time glued to playing computer games or spending hours on the iPad. These will shrink your brain and stop you from fully enjoying the many learning opportunities that exist around you!

I am looking forward to welcoming you all back into our fantastic school at some point in the future. In the meantime, keep saying your prayers, be kind, be hopeful and make the most of this special time with your family.

Keeping you all in my prayers,

God Bless. *Mr. L. J. Duncan*

‘EVERY single day that You are not here,
 We think about You.
 We wonder what You are doing.
 We HOPE that You are SAFE.
 We Pray that You are HAPPY.

Our thoughts are with you always
 Whether You want it or Not
 FOREVER and EVER
 Because You will always be
 ...SPECIAL and important to US.’

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