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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your family are well.

I want to reiterate my thanks to the many of you who have ensured that your children have engaged in home learning, have sent work to the teacher and have sought help, support and guidance from staff. Next week P.4 to P.7 children are being given the opportunity to have a TEAMS meeting with their teachers and other class mates, I encourage you to organise your child to take part in this.

Unfortunately, despite our very best and persistent efforts, there are a number of children for whom we have had to chase parents to collect packs, many whose pictures of work have not been sent for feedback, a number whose packs have not been returned, and for some little to no effort has been made to either respond or contact the teacher. The Department of Education has instructed schools that, in the absence of proof of engagement in home learning, those children are to be recorded as absent. Staff will be updating attendance registers just before the Easter break to reflect this. If you have not sent pictures of work, or returned packs, please do this as soon as possible so the teacher can reflect what has been done in the register.

It has been terrific to have Nursery to P.3 children back this week and we are delighted that they will now stay with us up until school closes for the Easter break on Friday 26th March. Please note that on this day children can come in non uniform and they will finish at their usual times.

P.4 to P.7 parents, we know this has been a very long term for you and your children, we hope these pupils will be allowed back to school after the Easter break on the 12th April.

Remember P.4 to P.7 are having a 'reading only' day on Wednesday, we hope that you all get a chance to rest on this day.

The staff and I hope that you and your family continue to keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

S. Sheeran