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Dear Families,

We have had another lovely week in school with the small number of children who are in. Teachers are also really appreciating your feedback. This week has seen an increasing speculation about when schools will open and this creates anxiety. None of us know the answer to this question but I wanted to reassure you that the leadership team are making plans for different scenarios and will keep you posted, especially after the government briefing on Sunday.

I wanted to include in this week's letter a message directly to the children. Please do share the following;

### **Letter to the Children**

Dear Children,

I wanted to write to you all to say hello and how proud I am of you.

The last few weeks have been a bit different for us all. You might have felt sad, shocked, confused, or a bit worried. Or none of those. All of these feelings are ok.

Your teachers have really enjoyed seeing all of your work and hearing from you about all the things you have been doing at home. We are all very proud of how well you and your families are doing.

We all miss you and can't wait to see you again – hopefully soon – but until then, keep in touch and keep sending in all your lovely learning!

We will be adding more things to the website and our twitter account so keep an eye out for those!

Take care of each other and stay safe.

Mr. Chudley and all the Portway staff.



### **Home Learning:**

This week 74% of families continue to access online learning. We have successfully entered the next stage of our digital journey adding audio to our flipcharts. These will be with you from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. This will make our home learning even more accessible for pupils to follow. Plus, bringing some normality by hearing their teacher's voice.

A staggering number of paper packs are now reaching our families to ensure our whole community has access to learning during this time.

Keep up the fabulous learning Portway!

### **Breakfast Parcels:**

Thank you, to those families who have now signed up for the free breakfast parcels. The first delivery of the breakfast parcel will be made to us week commencing 11th May 2020. Once we have confirmation of a delivery day, we will then contact you to collect. Although supplies are limited, we will do our best to support as many families as we can. If you have any questions, please email Carly Lockwood - [info.portway@leadinglearningtrust.org](mailto:info.portway@leadinglearningtrust.org).

### **Thank you and Good Luck!**

This week we say goodbye for now to Freddie as she prepares for the birth of her new baby. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Freddie, who has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to support our most vulnerable children, since the beginning of this pandemic. We wish you all the best for your maternity leave. Take care and enjoy this precious time.

I am delighted to inform you that Carly Lockwood will be the Interim Office Executive to cover Freddie's maternity leave.

I hope you all have a relaxing long weekend in the sunshine!

Best wishes,

Scott Chudley  
Head teacher