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Good morning everyone,

There's not a lot to report to you today, or any new information or links to share with you. However, I think it is important that I write to you daily even if there is not a lot to say. We have all had to dramatically change our daily routines over the past few weeks, and writing to you and your children each morning has become part of mine, and one of the most enjoyable parts of the day.

I know that some class teachers have asked parents for feedback on how the 'home educating' is going and some of you have copied me into your responses; this has been good to receive. A couple of months ago we could not have envisaged this situation, and we have all had to learn how to work in very different ways very quickly. I feel that generally we have done a pretty good job of this and I have received some lovely emails that back this up – thank you. However, I'm sure that there are things that we can improve on further and if you have any ideas I'd love to hear them. I can't promise that we will act on every suggestion but we will certainly look into them.

Having watched and read many things over the past couple of weeks there does seem to be indications coming through that schools will be open again in some way before September but it is highly unlikely that this will be a 'return to normal'. Nothing official has been said yet but the DfE and trade unions are working with schools to look at ways that schools can start to reopen later this term. Of course, as soon as there is something more concrete you will know straight away.

By tomorrow we should have a confirmed list of pupils that will be joining us in September (hopefully) so we will then be able to start making arrangements for transition.

Take care everyone, stay in touch and keep safe.

Simon Dyson

