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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, but I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your children's wellbeing and learning during this time. I have been overwhelmed by the photographs and reports of different ways you have tried to encourage your children and get to grips with your new roles as teachers! We do understand how difficult this must be. Keep sending in your photographs. We cannot put them all on Facebook but we will be displaying them all when school does reopen. What a fantastic display that will make!

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's normal for you and your child feel anxious and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we find a way through the difficulties. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing into [admin@littlestokeys.co.uk](mailto:admin@littlestokeys.co.uk) or ringing the school. The office is staffed most days although we are trying to get away by 4.00pm to allow the cleaners a safer access to the school. Please ask if you need any help and we will do what we can to meet your needs. This includes if you are finding it difficult to get your child to settle to any learning. We can have a chat with them by phone and set some individual targets for them.

Teachers are busy preparing the next set of learning packs which will come with a tick sheet for your child to mark off as they complete each activity. These will be ready by Thursday at the latest but many are already prepared. Your child's class teacher will let you know as soon as you can collect. If you are self-isolating, let us know and we will deliver these as soon as we are able. Teachers will continue to make contact with you on a regular basis so if you get a call from a number you don't recognize, it is probably us! It is important we make contact with everyone regularly so please be patient. We are trying to synchronize calls so if you have two or three children you shouldn't get multiple calls on the same day!

We all miss the children very much and whilst we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe, we are very much looking forward to the time when school will open again. Your children are truly the heart and soul of our school and it is very different here without them although like most schools, we are continuing to open for a very small minority of children as you will be aware.

I would also like you to know that throughout this difficult period I have remained in touch with Steve Wells our Chair of Governors. He and the other governors are fully supportive of the actions we are taking and over the coming weeks will continue to provide support and guidance despite visits to the school itself being curtailed. This will include meeting remotely to ensure the important business of governing the school continues uninterrupted.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Although we cannot all be together, let's get cracking with our summer term!

Kindest Regards,

Anne Sargent  
(Head Teacher)

