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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to you following a four day week and looking forward to a sunny and hopefully relaxing Bank Holiday weekend.

Tomorrow's unusual Friday Bank Holiday is also the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Please do support our "Bunting" challenge. As well as this support you may be aware of the national moments of remembrance and thanksgiving scheduled for tomorrow, including a two minute silence at 11am and details of other UK wide initiatives such as the 9pm national sing along to "We'll Meet Again". The British Legion have also produced an 'at home' work pack to keep children occupied at this time, when we cannot go out, or mark occasions such as this, in quite the way that we normally would.

As you will be aware, we are preparing to hear the government's 'road map' for the next phase in combating the Coronavirus, which is scheduled to be the topic for the Downing Street briefing on Sunday evening. This includes a review of the current social restrictions and we fully expect this to also include a statement regarding what will happen next with schools. We will hear this information first at the same time as the rest of the nation on Sunday evening. We have no advance warning whatsoever about what the Prime Minister will announce. Therefore, to ensure that we have time to develop a strategic approach that supports the well being of all stakeholders, we would ask you to be patient whilst we formulate an appropriate response to Sunday night's announcement. We will not be in a position to answer your questions immediately. Please be assured that the safety of our students, parents and staff remain at the heart of all decisions we take and we will continue to follow Department for Education and Public Health England advice as we have all along. We will be in contact later next week with more information to clarify the situation going forward, once we have processed whatever decision is taken, received specific further guidance from the government and have put a plan in place.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Stay safe,

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