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Dear Parents and Children - and indeed all members of our St Peter's families,

What a strange holiday this has been!

The sun is out and the sky is blue and all should be perfect - but of course it isn't.

I hope that you are all staying safe and well, managing to get some fresh air and managing to stay positive through such a difficult time. I have seen several of you as I've driven past the school - just checking it is all in good shape! - and we've had lots of messages and pictures and the odd video from so many of you over the last few weeks. Please keep them coming - we want to hear from you!

I'm very pleased and relieved to say that so far most St Peter's staff are safe and well. We had a few staff off and isolating at the end of last term and through the holidays both Mrs Roby and Mrs Websper were quite poorly, but I am so glad to say that both are much, much better now. It really does bring it home when this virus affects those we know and love, and it also brings home just how important it is to follow the guidelines and stay safe.

It feels quite surreal to say that today is officially the last day of the Easter holidays and tomorrow is technically the first day of the Summer Term - but of course it won't look like any term any of us have had before.

As you know from when we were taking the decision to close St Peter's a few weeks ago, there is no special flow of information from the government to headteachers, so I have no more inside information than anyone else as to what is happening ... but I feel pretty sure that we won't be back in school together this coming term. I know the uncertainty is difficult for everyone, but for now we just have to wait and see how the future unfolds.

But we need to keep busy and we need to keep learning! There will be new home learning activities posted on the school website tomorrow and then each and every Monday. There are also 'Class Blogs' for every class. These can be accessed through Purple Mash and are a great way of communicating with the teachers - whether it is a question about the work or just saying hello! The teachers would really love to hear from everyone - we miss you!!! Children can send messages and upload photos of anything they would like to share. Every teacher has set up an area where children can communicate with their class teacher and other children in their class.

This can be accessed through PurpleMash and then follow these step-by-step instructions:

- Click on Sharing icon (Green world) at the top of the page
- Click on Shared Blogs
- Find your class
- Simply add your comment by clicking the white cross on the green background

Any work/art/projects can also be uploaded onto the class notice boards. We'd love to see what you have been up to and look forward to hearing from you all.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
John 3v16



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Through the holidays the children of key workers needing childcare from the schools in our collaboration - St Peter's, Ramsgate Holy Trinity and Palm Bay - have been enjoying their time at Palm Bay. This will continue through this next term as it allows us to look after these children safely and effectively - and also near the beach! I think all our eligible families have been contacted, but if your circumstances have changed please do get in touch with us.

I'm also attaching the link to the KCC Free School Meals application site. I know that for many families this time has been made even more difficult by financial worries caused by businesses closing and work drying up. I know that school isn't actually open to provide the 'free school meals', but you may have heard that schools can issue shopping vouchers for £15 a week per child for those families who qualify. There have been some early glitches with the government system, but I think they are ironing them out as fast as they can. The application is fairly quick and relatively straightforward and well worth investigating.

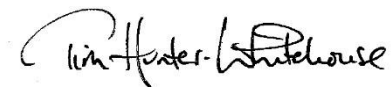
Here is the link : <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Last but not least.....

Tomorrow is the first day of term - I'd love to have as many pictures of the children in their school uniforms as possible, ready to get learning!

I know it sounds mad - but a little madness helps us get through this together!

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Tim Hunter-Whitehouse'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Hunter-Whitehouse
Headteacher