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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well this has certainly been an incredibly challenging time, especially the last few days, for every single one of us. We all have our own worries and concerns but I have been utterly bowled over by the compassion and kindness of our wonderful school community.

The directive from our Prime Minister last night clearly and understandably caused significant anxiety amongst the key workers who were aware that they might have to leave their homes to fulfil their role. Today I was able to tell our staff, who were on the rota to come in to school, that they could stay at home safely with their families. This was such a relief to them and me.

I have been in school with Mrs Amos keeping an eye on the emails and updates that we are receiving. I have spoken to parents and carers individually about where the situation lies now in terms of providing care for the children.

At the moment we have no children coming into school. We are strongly in support of the children being kept out of school (never thought I would be saying that!!) as we feel, alongside all other professionals, that the safest place for them to be is home.

However, we will not be closing. We will remain “Partially Open”. This is the status for a school that has not had to close fully. We will remain in this status for as long as is necessary and should there be changes in parents/carers situation then we ask that you email manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk to let us know about this. We are reading the emails on this account constantly.

We are thinking of you all and missing the children. It has been lovely to see some of the creative “home learning” that has been going on. I love the memes that are flying around. Especially the ones that say teachers will be elevated to new heights when this is all over ☺.

Please stay safe and look after each other,
Warmest regards,

Annie Knoupe
Headteacher

