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Dear Parents and Carers

I wrote to pupils yesterday via Class Charts. In that letter I encouraged pupils in their work and talked about the difficulties and challenges that we all face. I copied parents and carers into the letter. Please do read this.

I would now like to talk to you as parents and carers. I know the anxiety and concern that this situation brings into all our homes. It is difficult for us as adults to comprehend what is happening and all the more so for our children. It is hard not to have certainty and answers to questions about what the future will look like in such a fast changing world.

However, there is something we can be very clear about. All health professionals and government agencies have stressed the importance of good hygiene (regular washing of hands and use of tissues), and social distancing.

Social distancing will reduce the rate of spread of the coronavirus. If we do not reduce this spread our NHS will become overrun with cases and people will die from lack of resources. It is a very stark and simple message and we must take note of it.

Sometimes we can feel that rules are made for other people, that aligned with a feeling of the invincibility of youth can lead us and particularly our children to make decisions that put them, as well as the wider community, at risk.

However difficult it may feel for our families and young people to follow the guidelines on social distancing we must do this and as parents and carers we must ensure our children do. If we don't we put the lives of family, friends and the wider community at risk. Quite simply more people will die.

We are set for some difficult times. We need to care for each other, be kind and find a different way of living. I know you will want to do all you can to support our doctors, nurses and wider health professionals. The best way to do this is to follow what they say, reiterating this message to our children, making sure we all follow their advice.

Things will get better, we have it within our power to get to the end of this pandemic as quickly as possible. I know we will all join together as one Fulford family to play our part in this national emergency and do the right thing.

I hope you, your family and loved ones keep safe and well.

My very best wishes.

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