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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that this message finds you all safe and well.

Over the last two weeks, we have seen a great many changes to the way we all live. I hope that the messages that we have been sending have been helpful. All the families within our school community have had to get used to working with the children and supporting them in accessing work set over google classroom. I must thank you for all your hard work in making this a success so far; I know this hasn't been an easy journey – rest assured, we are all learning together.

Over the next two weeks, the teachers will be sharing some fun Easter activities and will not be setting the usual levels of work. In line with all GLF schools, the teachers and support staff will be taking a two week break. It is important that the staff have a rest, and so there will be minimal contact with them over the next two weeks. The online learning programme will resume on 20th April.

Over the Easter period the school will be open - though we will be based at Limetree Primary school. The school can be contacted by calling the Limetree Primary School number, 01737 645836, by calling the Merstham Primary School mobile number 07487511479, by emailing info@mersthamprimaryschool.org, or if there is a safeguarding concern by emailing dsl@mersthamprimaryschool.org

When communicating using google classroom, please can I ask that parents use the private chat to contact the teacher or email info@mersthamprimaryschool.org . It is best to avoid using teachers email addresses on google classroom – you may not get a reply as these messages may not always be seen.

Finally, I am grateful for your continued support and patience as we all work together to navigate our way through this difficult and challenging time. The school will continue to work hard to help and support the children in our care not just academically but by providing them with fun opportunities and the ability to interact with their peers.

Our thoughts are with all of you at this time.

Gavin Oulton,
Headteacher Merstham Primary School

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