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Dear children,

I am writing to you because, as you know, things are going to be very different after today.

From Monday, many children will not be able to come to school because of something called coronavirus. This virus can make people unwell if they catch it - a bit like a cough or cold. We've been doing our bit to help by making sure that we all wash our hands regularly. But now, we all need to do something else.

The plan is for people to stay safe in their homes and only go out if they really need to. This means that children are being told not to come to school. Air Balloon is a really big school which means that if lots of us stay away, we are helping out in a *really big way*.

I know that some of you might be sad about not coming to school. I'm sad too. I love you guys! And getting to be your headteacher, every day, is brilliant. I love catching up with you all and finding out how well you're doing in school and having a laugh with you at lunch time. I even like helping you with any problems you're having and making sure that you're all safe and sound. Not having you around is going to be really tough. I know all the staff, including your teachers, feel the same. Everyone here is really going to miss you.

But here's the thing: it's not going to be forever! It might be for a while, but we will be together again, some day.

And here's another thing: your teachers have got loads of ideas of how to keep you busy and entertained. They are going to be sending you things to do every day. Your teacher will even ring you up for a chat, once in a while, to see how you are doing and make sure you're OK.

I've even got plans to start a school YouTube channel. Imagine that? You'll be able to find videos of us reading you stories, singing songs, doing exercises... I may even film me doing an assembly because I know that there is nothing you lot like more than one of my inspirational and hilarious assemblies! (I would make a joke about me going viral, but that might not be appropriate given the circumstances.)

We really are trying to make this change as positive as possible because everyone at Air Balloon cares about you and we don't want this school closure to get you down.

Now, a little word about being at home all day. This is going to be a big change for your parents and carers as well so remember: be safe, be kind and be respectful. All the time! And don't forget to *superwalk* at all times! (That really is a joke!)

I will write to you all again soon, but for now, take care of yourselves and each other.



Tim Browse