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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well and all doing OK as the national lockdown continues.

I also hope that the children have been able to access their home learning activities this week especially as we have started to cover 'new learning'. I know that many year groups are using our YouTube channel to share tutorial videos as well as links to other activities. We understand that it is up to families to set their own routines during the day, and we do acknowledge that there may be times when it is not possible to complete all the activities set, but we hope that everyone is managing to stay on top of their learning while we are apart.

Next week, the government will be sharing their plans for how schools will reopen once the lockdown restrictions begin to ease. I am told that schools will be given plenty of notice so that they can carefully plan for any changes and we have been advised that any reopening will not mean every child is in straight away. I am not going to speculate about what the government's plans might be but I think it is worth all of us managing our expectations, as well as understanding that, for a great number of pupils, school will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

Whatever happens, I will make sure that we communicate clearly with you so everyone understands what is going on. And, as I'm sure you would expect, any change will carefully consider everyone's safety.

I will write to you again as soon as there are any updates.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Browse'.

Tim Browse

Bank Holiday

The May bank holiday has been moved to a Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day. We will be observing the national bank holiday next Friday. Parents and carers should be aware that because of the bank holiday, teachers may not be setting any home learning work for that day.

If you are doing anything special to mark the anniversary of VE day (a poster, some bunting, family tea party, making a cake) then please do send us any pictures of your celebrations. We will gather together your pictures and videos and share them in an online assembly on Monday 11th May.

If you would like to share your pictures or videos, email them to us at airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk and please add a note to give your consent to the images being shared on our YouTube Channel.

Mr Browse, can I ask you something?

Thank you so much to all the children who asked me a question following my request last week. They were really interesting! I will be answering every question, as best as I can, in a video over the weekend. I will post it on the school's YouTube channel sometime next week. In the meantime, I know that Miss Liley would love to answer any question you have for her. So children, if you have something that you would like to ask Miss Liley, please click [here](#).

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think your child may now be eligible for free school meals, please visit the Bristol City Council website to apply. If you receive certain benefits, you may be eligible – a full list of qualifying benefits can be found on the Council website.

If you think your family may qualify and would like to apply for Free School Meals, please visit: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals> and click the blue **Apply Online** button half-way down the page.