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Dear Parent/Carer

Well, what can I say!

Apologies for the very quick turnaround in ending the school year. Obviously, this is not how we would have planned it and thank you to everyone for their support and patience in these very strange times.

Every student is set up for their home learning and the staff are ready to go from Monday. Please make sure your daughter/son logs on and sticks to their timetable as this will help to keep you sane as well as keeping them learning in the coming weeks.

I have spoken to every student today to reassure them and to impress upon them the need to take hygiene and social distancing seriously. We have said a very sad goodbye to all our Year 11 students today, this wasn't easy, for them or us, but we will be having a proper celebration when this is over.

Please impress upon your children that this is not the time to be heading to the local park or visiting Gloucester Quays, it is a time to be with family, to continue to learn and to stay safe.

With the school closing at the end of the day for all but the children of key workers (please see our letter earlier today), we will still be keeping you informed and up to date with the changing situations as they occur. Please keep an eye on both the website and our Facebook page for all updates as well as some ingenious ways of keeping us all creative and happy.

Today I am delighted to inform you that we sent 250 food boxes to families entitled to free school meals at Dene Magna, Forest View, Drybrook and Mitcheldean. Huge thanks goes out to Amanda Northcott, the catering team and Jan Ray and the Finance team for sorting this out for us. This will continue after Easter. This sort of thing makes me so proud to be the Headteacher here and makes our school so special.

I've said this before, and I really want to make sure that this message is out there, if you are feeling isolated, worried or just need to say "hello" to someone, please contact us, we are still there for you. Also, please keep an eye out for anyone struggling in your community and help if you are able.

Last but not least, it is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Emma Brightwell, who has decided to move onto pastures new after Easter, may I add, this had nothing to do with the current situation! We would like to wish her well and hopes she stays in touch with us as she will be missed.

We wish you all a safe and healthy next few weeks or months and we look forward to seeing you all again soon. Until then....

Yours sincerely

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