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Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well and finding ways of keeping yourselves busy and active.

I wanted to write to ensure that you were aware that contact between yourselves and the school is still always available. We are available on the telephone (Monday -Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm); via the office email and teachers are contactable via Tapestry or Seesaw. This may look slightly different over the Easter term time holiday but I will let you know how things will look from Friday, later in the week. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Please remember that teachers may take longer than normal to respond but we will get back to you.

I am aware from social media and various other outlets that some parents are worrying about educating their children during this time. Please do not see this as 'Home Schooling' and don't place any unnecessary expectations on yourselves. If you can do the basics, then this is all that is expected. Your teachers continue to place things on the website for each class – please just do what you can. Children do need some structure and routine and the work set by teachers will support this.

The school is still open for key worker children although numbers in school are very low. As you may be aware, the Government has asked schools to provide childcare provision for children over the Easter holidays and I am currently looking at how this might work for Dunswell. I imagine provision could be provided at another Trust school as numbers so far do not make it feasible to open Dunswell.

Each and every member of staff at Dunswell is missing the job which we all work so hard at and school is not the same without the children. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all well in the forthcoming weeks. If there is anything which school can help or support with, please do not hesitate to make contact. Stay safe everyone and we hope to see you very soon.

Yours sincerely

Alison Oxtoby
Head of School