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Dear Parents/Carers,

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing again to keep you up to date with the current situation and share with you what we know so far. There has been speculation in the press this weekend, that schools may not return until after Easter. At present, we do not know whether this is the case. However, the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, did say he would give schools 2 weeks' notice of a return. As soon as we hear, I will let you know.

Remote Learning

Thank you for your support with helping your child complete their daily remote learning. We are now at over 80% engagement. Live lessons continue and feedback has been positive. We understand that sometimes there can be too much work set and pupils are struggling to complete this. It is difficult to judge how much pupils can complete if they are not in a classroom; however, if pupils are struggling, please encourage them to discuss this with their teacher in the live element of the lesson. We are continually listening to feedback and staff are striving to make this remote learning work as well as they can.

We are aware that some pupils have issues with IT equipment/access. If this is the case, don't forget that we can provide a laptop loan for the period of school closure. Please email kplant@asap.org.uk if you require one.

Safeguarding

Your child's safety and well-being remain our priority throughout this difficult period. Our pastoral team have continued to work behind the scenes contacting families and liaising with external agencies to ensure the highest level of support at this testing time. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing and wish to contact us, please use safeguarding@asap.org.uk.

If you're worried about a child or young person and believe they are at risk of harm, even if you're unsure, call 01752 668000 or email gateway@plymouth.gov.uk or outside of normal working hours call Plymouth Out of Hours Service on 01752 346984.

The Gateway service is made up of multi-agency professionals who can give you advice, information and support. You can also contact the [NSPCC](#) if you want to talk to someone about your concerns and get advice.

Further Updates

I will continue to write to you weekly with updates.

In the meantime, stay safe.

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