Dear Parents and Carers,

You have made it to half term! Someone pointed out to me today that we have been in this situation now for nine weeks. I am sure for some of you it has felt a lot longer, but I was surprised it had been so long. I hope you enjoyed, as a family, completing some of the mental health week activities.

Hopefully today's assembly gave you a few minutes of peace, and the children enjoyed the star pupil videos. We hope these go some way to helping the children feel less isolated from the school.

The staff have put together another video for you all. You will find it here: <a href="https://youtu.be/HsKIMz7V9Q8">https://youtu.be/HsKIMz7V9Q8</a>. We hope you and the children enjoy it.

Next week is half term and there will be no work uploaded on Google Classroom and no comments answered. The children, yourselves and the staff all need a week off and hopefully you can enjoy some relaxed time together.

From 1st June, we will potentially be opening in a different capacity. Up until this point we have been a key worker hub for both us and Whitings Hill. It has been a real pleasure having them with us and I for one will miss them and I know the staff and the key worker children will too. They are now heading back to their own school.

Depending on Government advice, unions and staff health, we plan to open to key workers on 1st June, Year 6 on 2nd June, Reception on 3rd June and Year 1 on 5th June. The staff and myself have been working hard to make this happen and I would like to thank them for their support and positivity at this time. The parents of these year groups will receive a start and pick up time the weekend before we start back. They will also find out at this time which adult they are going to be with. In the meantime, my letter this week explained who the potential adults would be, so please do go on the website and have a look at their pictures with your child. If you are in these groups and told us your child was not coming back or that you were unsure, please do email <a href="mailto:homelearningqueries@fouldsp.org">homelearningqueries@fouldsp.org</a> if you change your mind or decide whether they are coming in or not - it would very much help us to have this information. We completely understand that this isn't an easy decision for anyone and has to be something that you are comfortable with. You can of course change your mind down the line, but we ask that parents keep in touch with us with regards to these decisions.

Over the last week or two, you may have seen negative press about teachers and those who work in schools. I am sure many of you will have ignored it. I wanted to be very clear that the staff at Foulds have been fantastic and have continued to work incredibly hard during this lockdown period. I am constantly thinking about the safety and well being of the pupils and staff and as I have said before, this will always be at the forefront of my decisions.

I want to end with some lovely news. Ms Gagnon has had a little baby girl called Liezel. She was born a healthy 3.5kg. Mother and baby doing well and the teachers were even lucky enough to meet little Liezel on Wednesday in our virtual staff meeting. I know you will join me in wishing Ms Gagnon our heartfelt congratulations and wishing the baby a lifetime of good health and happiness.

One link below today for Twinkl access.

To our Muslim families, we wish you Eid Mubarak.

## Hello!

Thank you for being part of the Twinkl community; we're delighted you've joined.

You may be here as a parent, teacher or have a different role, and you may also be looking for teaching materials to support with home learning as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak.

We'd like to let you know about Twinkl's offer of help during this period. Having recognised the benefit that our digital resource collection will have for parents and teachers during school closures, we are now offering **free** access to our full resource collection for a limited time period.

To set this up, please visit <a href="www.twinkl.co.uk/offer">www.twinkl.co.uk/offer</a> and login using your email address and password. You can also create a new account and enter the code CVDTWINKLHELPS

There's lots of support available on site to help you get started.

Our <u>School Closure Support Page</u> offers practical advice and guidance, whatever your role, wherever you are.

Our <u>Home Learning Hub</u> offers a daily timetable of activities for ages 3-16 and is updated every day with new ideas and content.

**Help us help others at this difficult time.** Share this email with friends and family now!

Best wishes,

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