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Dear children,

I have written many letters to lots of different people over the last few days to try to keep everyone updated and get things organised. Today I am writing the most important one of all- a letter to YOU!

You have been absolute superstars over the last couple of weeks, as many things have been changing. You have done everything we have asked you to do to keep yourselves safe – even singing the Baby Shark handwashing song and happy birthday lots of times, being super-careful with coughs and sneezes and looking after those who are worried. We are extremely proud of you!

Our year groups have been getting smaller over the past few days and I know some of you have been missing friends and coping well with lots of changes. Even though there have been less of you, your smiles and laughter have brought lots of joy to the adults who work with you. We have been really busy trying to sort lots of things with not a lot of notice, and when you make us laugh it helps us remember that all of this is for the right reasons and we have the best job in the world in working with you! We are in our messy 'O' all together, looking after each other!

From today, we are going to be taking a break for longer than we usually do because school will be closed for most of you. If your parents/carers are 'key workers' then you will still come to school. We have some exciting things planned for you next week, and look forward to doing our bit in looking after you so that your parents/carers can carry on with their jobs looking after the rest of the country.

If you already have been staying away from school or your parents/carers are not classed as 'key workers' then you will need to stay at home to 'socially distance' yourself. This means you will need to stay in your house as much as possible so that you or your family do not become ill. If everybody does this, it means our whole country will get better faster. It is part of being a community. You are taking work packs home with you tonight to get you going to start with and then we have some exciting plans for online lessons and quizzes if school has to stay shut for longer.

We would love to see what you get up to over the next few weeks- upload your pics to @Oasiswandon on Twitter to show us! We will also be working out a plan for after the Easter holiday to make sure we can stay in touch more fully. This might be through Twitter, the website, other Apps or by texting and emailing your parents/carers.

If everyone does their bit, we will hopefully reduce the amount of time school has to stay closed.

We love you lots and are going to miss you so much,

*E J Hobson*

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