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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you are all well and staying safe during these strange and unsettling times? After another week of Government announcements and speculation in the media we have decided to send you all a letter to inform you of the new developments.

However, the Magical Meare Team, want to begin by telling you how brilliantly you are all doing! Helping your children with their home learning, juggling your own work commitments, dealing with IT issues plus coping with everything else life may be throwing at you. You are all amazing! Most of us are parents too and completely understand how difficult 'spinning all the plates' is at the moment. Please remember that we are here to support you so do not hesitate to contact us, via the school office, if you have any queries or concerns.

Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced that schools will not be re-opening for all pupils until at least 8 March. This is not the news we had hoped for but alas Covid 19 is determined to make us wait a wee bit longer for us all to be together. We have also received updated information from The Department for Education which states that schools will close as usual over the half term and will **not be open** to children of critical workers and vulnerable families over that week nor will remote learning be provided. We will, instead, be encouraging you all to rest and concentrate on your family's well-being.

As with the Christmas break, schools have been tasked with track and trace over the half term. If your child has been accessing school throughout the lockdown and tests **positive for Covid 19** between 13 and 21 February, we ask that you contact the school mailbox: mearevillageprimary@educ.somerset.gov.uk and include the following information:

Name of Child

Class

Date of positive test

Parent/Carer contact number

Parent/Carer address

Having to ask, yet again, for our parents to contemplate this terrible prospect is difficult but we want to ensure that we are continuing to look after our children, parents and team over the half term.

Four walls that hold tomorrow ...



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On behalf of the team, we would like to say thank you for the many kind messages of thanks and gifts of biscuits and chocolates you have generously bestowed upon us. They are very much appreciated. Along with our beautiful beans, both at home and in school, they help to keep our spirits up!

Please stay safe.

Kind Regards

Mrs Fellows and The Magical Meare Team