## Wickham Church of England Primary School



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Dear Children,

I have been writing lots of letters to your families over the last few days but today it's your turn to receive one.

Firstly, I wanted to say how much I have enjoyed getting to know you all over the last few months. You have made me feel so welcome at Wickham and I am proud to be your headteacher. Thank you for the way that you have listened and behaved, especially recently, and well done on making sure that you got to the end of 'Happy Birthday' every time before you finished washing your hands!

It has felt a bit strange this week as your classes have become smaller. Some of your friends haven't been here because they've been a bit poorly or they need to spend time away from school so that they don't catch any bugs. And even though there's been less of you, the school has been just as busy with learning, laughter and love, – which is exactly how Wickham Primary School should be! Thank you for making the staff around you smile lots.

It's going to become a little stranger now. After today, school will be closed for most of you. If your parents and carers are key workers then you may still be at school but if you're already having to stay away from school or your parents and carers aren't classed as key workers then you'll need to stay at home for a while to keep yourselves safe and well. You'll probably be staying in your house a bit more than you'd like to but it won't be forever.

For those of you who are coming to school on Monday, don't worry we'll have lots of exciting things planned for you to do.

For those of you who won't be at school, we have given you plenty of activities to take home and do with your family. We'll be sending you some more over the next few weeks and telling your parents and carers about some exciting websites, apps and programmes that they can share with you. We'll make sure you won't get bored!

We look forward to having our Wickham Primary family back together really soon. Hopefully the school closure won't last for too long and we can get back to normal. We're already missing those of you who haven't been in this week! If you'd like to send your teacher a letter, picture or email then please do. They would really like to hear how you are getting on. Some of you might even get a surprise phone call from your teacher!

With lots of love, care and support until we are back together,

Mr Cutter and the whole Wickham Primary School Team.