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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of you will no doubt have seen the speculation over the weekend about when all children will return to school. To be clear, as I write this, no decision has been made regarding a full return to school and anyone stating otherwise is merely speculating. All we do know is that Gavin Williamson has stated that there will be two weeks' notice given to all of us. As soon as we receive any new information about the full re-opening, we will of course be in contact.

Thank you to those of you and your children who have responded to Friday's screen free day. If the rest of you could let us know if you plan to take part by Wednesday via responding on Google Classroom, that will ensure we can set the right work for those children who will need the remote lessons provided. The key worker and vulnerable children at school will also be taking part in the screen-free day, including the RSPB garden birdwatch. We are looking forward to seeing your art for the day sent in so that we can create Bury CE Primary's own virtual art gallery – it will be fantastic to get at least 62 submissions and hopefully some parents joining in too.

As the cases of Coronavirus continue to remain high and the number of deaths edges closer to 100,000, the mental strain this is causing everyone is significant. Then we have the constant speculation around when all children will be returning to school and the added pressures that the remote learning is adding to everyone; juggling your own work commitments or indeed evolving what this looks like as different areas of work are subject to restrictions - now is undoubtedly a challenging time for everyone. Amongst all of this, please remember the work that each class is setting is work we have to set. However, it does not necessarily mean that your children will be able to complete all of it. An Oak Academy lesson, including the work, should last for approximately one hour. If it is taking longer than this, please stop and let us know. This is not a problem; different children will find different things easier or harder on any given day. We also know that sometimes the internet connection is not the greatest, please do not worry if you miss a day as the internet has dropped out, or something comes up, just let us know when you are able to.

This week will see the start of Lateral Flow Testing for the staff who choose to opt-in. Whilst of course we hope it does not, this could lead to class closures as a result of a positive test. We will contact you as soon as possible should we need to close a bubble.

Thursday's music sessions will remain the following times until at least half term:

Buzzards	1.20pm
Sparrowhawks	1.55pm
Kestrels	2.35pm



This Thursday also sees us offer something for parents and villagers who would like to join in. Mr Mott will be teaching three traditional folk songs for half an hour from 4pm on Thursday. This is an open invite so please be aware of this if joining with children. For more information, please have a look at the school website [here](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher