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Dear Children,

It is almost two weeks since many of you finished school and I desperately wanted to find some time to write to you.

Firstly, I would like to apologise to you all for cancelling some of our normal events like our celebration assembly at the end of the week. Unfortunately, my attention was needed elsewhere as I had to make many arrangements to ensure we were all safe. I was as disappointed as you were.

Closing the gates on Friday made me feel very sad and left me feeling empty inside. It was a confusing time for all the adults so I can't begin to imagine how you must have felt. I want to reassure you that it's okay to feel confused. It's okay to speak to the adults in your family and school about how you feel.

Everyone at St Luke's is missing you. Your teachers will continue to keep in touch through dojo and send you some more work! I'm sure you will be grown up enough to manage your work and continue to learn at home. Even the school staff (when they are not at school), your family and friends are all staying at home to help our country! I ask you all to remain positive and embrace this opportunity to spend some time with your families – play games, watch films, plant seeds, put on shows, sing songs, tell jokes, bake cakes, make a meal, build lego and paint pictures. Do all the things that you don't normally have time for and the things that make your family feel happy! I am really looking forward to hearing your stories about your time off when we all return to school.

To our Year 6, this is not goodbye. I promise you, if the current situation lasts longer than the summer term we will invite you back to school so that you can see your friends and we can properly celebrate your time at St Luke's and present you with your Leavers' Bibles and have your class photograph taken.

As for everyone else, I promise that we will have a big party when you return to school, so that we can sing, dance, laugh and bring smiles to all our faces.

With missing the celebration assembly at the end of the week that school closed, I didn't have the chance to say what I always say to you all. Therefore, I am going to say it here:

"Please have fun but keep safe, listen to your parents and carers and we will see you all back in school as soon as we are all allowed to properly return".

God bless,

Mr Hardaker

