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In the light of Jesus we love together, hope together and learn together.

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back after the Easter break. I am sure that for many of you this was the strangest Easter you have spent, as it was for staff at St Alban's as they continued to attend school to enable us to stay open to support key worker families. I hope that you are all well and that you have been able to keep your families safe. The lockdown is proving difficult for many but it is clear that we have to remain strong for a while longer if we are to tackle the virus.

I am in regular contact with teachers to enable the school to maintain a cohesive plan for the provision of learning for our pupils. There is regular work set and uploaded on our school website for each year group for our pupils which offers them the best chance to continue to make progress in their learning and all members of our non-teaching staff continue to support the team effort which is being undertaken. The difficulties that many of you are also facing, juggling work with teaching your children must also be recognised fully. In that regard, please may I ask that you seek help and guidance if you think we can help, and try to maintain the balance at home for our young people between school work and leisure time. I am sure that alongside the many stresses that lockdown can bring, many of you are also experiencing the benefits of having so much close family time together and are discovering pursuits which have their own educational merit.

With regard to support for mental health and well-being we have put a number of links and telephone numbers on our website. If you or any of your family members are struggling please check the website for these resources or telephone the school office and we will link you up with the appropriate support. I am also planning for class teachers to telephone all the families of children in their class over the next couple of weeks just to check that everyone is okay and that children are accessing the work set for them. I have organised a staffing rota to ensure that there is provision for those families that need it. This rota will continue for as long as necessary until school is fully reopened and will be reviewed in line with guidance we receive from both the LA and central government. We will remain open to the children of key workers if no other safe childcare arrangements can be made. I would, however, like to point out that we will be closed on Friday 8th May for the bank holiday which was changed from Monday 4th May for this year.

In conclusion, I would like to inform you that we continue to receive a daily update from the Department for Education but as yet there is no indication of the point at which schools will re-open, or indeed, once schools re-open what arrangements may have to be put in place. I

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can assure you that as soon as we are able to pass on information we will and you can be confident that we will plan as meticulously as we did in preparation for closure, so that the health and safety of our pupils remains paramount.

I wish you all well. Keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Speakman

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