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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

At the end of another incredibly strange and challenging term, it's amazing to think of how much we've achieved together; thank you so much for your ongoing support throughout all of the challenges!

Most recently, our aim has been to settle all of the children back into full time education after over 2 months out of school. We've worked hard to successfully reintegrate everyone back into their classrooms through alterations to the timetables and the way lessons are delivered, by providing additional emotional literacy classes using the coloured 'Zones of Regulation' approach and by putting in place additional individual support where necessary. Arthur the well-being dog has also supported throughout and his presence has been a calming influence on children and adults alike!

After the break, our attentions will move from reintegration to catching up on learning that has been lost due to the large amounts of time we've been forced to close for over the last year. This will not be a quick process and we will be planning for catch up over months rather than weeks, with a clear focus on impactful intervention that will make a real difference.

Easter is always a time of new life and new beginnings. We truly hope that the times of lockdown and closure will be relegated to our memories and that we can move onto a period of educational and personal growth and development for all at Bayside. I personally cannot wait to start popping those bubbles and see the children interact freely again!

I wish everyone a resful and relaxing break – we've reattached some Easter activities to this newsletter in case you're short of ideas during the holidays.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon  
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## Holiday Covid Contact

Please continue to report any positive cases within our community by using the following email address: [holidaycovidcontact@aat.education](mailto:holidaycovidcontact@aat.education). You will be advised of relevant actions to take following informing us of a case. This would include wider isolation should a pupil return a positive test in the 2 days after the school has closed for Easter. Our school email will not be monitored during the holidays.

## Swimming

Year 3 will be complete swimming lessons at Hamworthy Park Junior School next term: 3HC will take to the water during the first half of the term and 3NT during the second half of the term.

## Communication to teachers

Please remember that we are here to support in anyway we can. The teachers are always the first point of contact: should you need to discuss anything with them, please ask at the start or the end of the day or contact the office and they will phone you back.

## Moor Community Food

Moor Community Food will be closed on Tuesday 6th April and will open again on Tuesday 13th April from 12.30-4.30 at St Gabriel's church hall.

## Children Walking Home

Please continue to promote safety with your children if they are walking home on their own to reinforce this message from school. This should include not speaking to anyone that they would not expect to, crossing at the safest place (usually with Mrs Haskell) and keeping to an agreed route. We always say that if the children feel unsure then they should return to school where we can help to contact families directly.

## Home learning

After the Easter holidays, homework in Year 5 and 6 will return as previously, both to reinforce key learning and prepare for secondary education. In Year 5 one piece will be set per week on rotation between English and Maths and in Year 6 2 pieces will be set: one English and one Maths. Children in other year groups need to continue to practise their spellings, read three times and complete Athletics assignments each week.

## Electric Scooters

Please do not let your child bring an electric scooter to school. It is illegal for anyone to ride these electric vehicles on pavements or roads and they pose a serious risk to the safety of children who ride them, as well as those around them.

## Group Call

From May, our text provider will change to Group Call. This service operator will automatically take the first priority number that we have on record for families and no action is required. However, you make sure that we have the most up to date number for you – if you are in doubt or are concerned that you might not receive texts, please contact the school office.

## Attendance

Since we returned on 8<sup>th</sup> March, attendance has been very impressive! Lots of certificates were given out in today's assembly!

RAD	RRL	1SW	2LW	2MA	3HC
95%	95%	98%	96%	96%	96%
3NT	4KH	5JW	5TE	6BC	6RM
97%	97%	97%	97%	95%	97%

95- 100% attendance	Best chance of success
90- 95% attendance	At least 2 weeks of learning missed
85- 90% attendance	At least 4 weeks of learning missed
80- 85% attendance	At least 5 ½ weeks of learning missed
Below 80% attendance	At least 7 ½ weeks of learning missed

## High Expectations lead to High Achievers

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