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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are coping with this unprecedented situation as best you can. For me too it is stepping into the unknown and all we can do is to deal with it one day at a time. Hopefully you were able to access the work for your children that the teachers put up on the school website if you wished your child to do some or all of it. The dedicated school number was texted to you in case you had any difficulties or indeed any good ideas which could be shared with other parents. I also mentioned in my previous letter that some parents found it to be beneficial if their child kept a diary because during these strange times, children have fears and concerns also and a diary might be a way of sharing them with their parents.

Helen O Leary who is now a writer, worked in the school for many years as a teacher and later as a counsellor and play therapist. In more recent times she pioneered therapeutic story writing through which children worked out issues for themselves through the medium of writing. She has kindly offered to make fun writing work available to the children on a weekly basis that may help them. Similar to the school work it is totally optional with each one of you deciding what is best in your circumstances. From her work experience as a counsellor and therapist she has also offered some advice for parents which is also made available on our website.

I hope it will be of some assistance to you. Please keep yourselves safe and like yourselves, I look forward to returning to normality as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gerry King', written over a horizontal line.

Gerry King,

Principal.