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PTA fundraising via internet purchases: <https://www.easfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlipprimarypta/>  
Parent Matters [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089)  
Birdlip online Virtual School Uniform Shop: [http://pmschoolwear.co.uk/advanced\\_search.php?skl\\_id=38923&pager=view\\_all](http://pmschoolwear.co.uk/advanced_search.php?skl_id=38923&pager=view_all)  
School closure website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>  
Ofsted Parent View <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Confidential contact for Governing Body: [chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Health Protection Agency Guidance [http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb\\_C/1194947358374](http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374)  
Safeguarding [http://www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk/our\\_school/policies/policies.html](http://www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk/our_school/policies/policies.html) Birdlip Wish list <http://amzn.eu/9pZsmG2>

Do you know Fridays are fast becoming my favourite day of the week and not because it's the weekend tomorrow but because it's the day when I get to see everyone in assembly. By a rough count we had nearly 70 of you online today which was fantastic; I hope that everyone could hear and see okay – it's very difficult to tell when you have so many faces on the screen.

I'm going to need some more challenges for assembly over the coming weeks so if anyone has any ideas then please do get in touch. Mind you after today's experience with the eggs and last weeks with the water I'm a bit nervous asking!

On a different note I am sure that a lot of you are wondering when the school will fully re-open and I'm afraid that in this instance your guess is probably as good as mine. What does seem clear is that we are highly likely to expand our provision gradually – perhaps with only certain year groups back in at first or with groups of pupils in on different days. My best guess at present is that it is unlikely that any pupils other than key workers will be in before the half term and that we may not be back together as a whole school before September.

I am sure that you will have many questions about how we ensure the safety of everyone during the school day as pupils return and so I wanted to re-assure you that behind the scenes we have had lots of discussions about this. As soon as we get some more clarity from the government about what the expectations are around opening then we will be in touch.

That's all from me, whatever you get up to, have a lovely week, work hard and enjoy yourselves.

Mr M.

### **Staying safe during social distancing**

Schools being closed and not being able to go out can make it very difficult time for anyone experiencing domestic abuse. If you are worried that you or someone you know is experiencing abuse there are things you can do to keep safe. For further information, please see the document attached to the email.

### **'See What I See' competition for 5 to 16 year olds**

Attached to the email, you will also find information on how your children can enter a competition to set their imaginations free and re-think their built environment. It aims to help children feel more connected to the outside world during the coronavirus lockdown.

### **Birdlip Breakfast Club and Birdlip Playgroup**

Please note that Birdlip Breakfast Club and Birdlip Playgroup are available for use by Key Workers. For more information, please contact the play leaders on: [bbplaygroup@internet.com](mailto:bbplaygroup@internet.com) or 07914 091427.