## ABBEY ACADEMIES TRUST Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

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Dear Fabulous Children,

I am missing you so much I just had to write to you all before the start of what should be our Easter holiday.

I have heard so many wonderful things about the 'take care' homework you are doing with your parents and carers and I've even seen some of this work when you have sent photos to your teachers! I also know lots of you are keeping fit with Joe Wicks every morning. Children who have been coming into school, I am so proud of you too, as you have been so full of enthusiasm and the teachers and Teaching Assistants have loved spending time with you!!

You all really have got the 'WOW Factor' and I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU for helping your parents and carers persevere with working with you at home!!! I have heard that sometimes they are finding your work a bit challenging – I'm sure you will be behaving beautifully for them and showing them just how clever you are!!!

After the holidays your teachers are going to be sending you more exciting learning to do at home. Every Monday you will get new projects and work to keep you learning and busy. I know you will love it! Next week Mrs Buttress, Mrs Jordan, Mr Bellamy, Mrs Orme and I are going to think of a way for us to be able to speak to you. We know you are missing school and all your teachers are missing you too. I am sure we will come up with some way using our fantastic technology to keep in touch. I will write again about our ideas soon.

I thought it might be nice to set you some 'take care' homework from me. It is an idea I got from the fantastic Wilson family who sent me a news film they made this week. Mr Bellamy has put it on the Bourne Abbey website in the 'Take Care Homework' section if you want to see it! It's very funny!!

So, my homework challenge for you all is to create something to do with our High Five 'Flying High Like the Geese'. At this time we all need to support each other like the geese. We might not be able to be with some people in our lives right now like family, friends and our teachers – but we are all doing this together. Geese work as a team, even when flying apart. The flapping of their wings makes it easier for the birds behind them to fly and they take it in turns to be the lead goose. How are you doing this (work as a team, take it in turns) with the people in your households during this time? Geese 'honk' to encourage each other when they are flying in formation. What do you think they might be 'saying' to one another? What words encourage you? Geese also look after each other and if one bird gets too tired or is injured, two other geese will land with it to keep it company until it is fit to fly again. How can you care for the people in your house at this time?

I know you are awesome at being creative so I don't want to give you too many ideas. It could be research about geese and how they migrate, a piece of art and design, a cake, a song, a prayer..... have fun!!

I would love you to send me photographs or videos of your creations!! Your parents and carers know they can send them to

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and they will then get to me.

Please remember that even though we can't see all of you right now, everyone at school misses you very much. I think that the song 'We are One' which you all sing so beautifully reminds me of you all every day at this time. Perhaps you can sing it at home when you read this letter.

Keep up your wonderful enthusiasm and have a lovely Easter time. Remember it's not just about the chocolate and don't forget the special and important Easter story.



Lots of love.

Mrs Moore

Mrs Sarah Moore Executive Headteacher