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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you all managed to have a good Christmas and New Year under the very strange and difficult circumstances we found and continue to find ourselves in.

I would like to send you a short letter as a way of an introduction. My name is Steve Geary and I will be lending a hand to Matt Wignell and the Senior Leadership Team for the rest of the academic year in the role of Executive Headteacher.

I have been a Headteacher for 10 years and am currently the Headteacher at Horsted Primary School. From January I will be the Executive Headteacher of Horsted Primary School and Swingate Primary School.

The team at Swingate have made me feel extremely welcome and we have been hard at work since the Prime Minister's announcement that Medway Schools will be closed until at least the 18<sup>th</sup> January then the follow up announcement that all primary schools will be closed until at least the February half term.

We have been working on our on-line provision and key worker provision. Thank you for keeping the number of key worker places you need to a minimum in line with the government guidance. This allows us to keep the national lockdown as tight as possible and also frees up capacity for us to carry out live online learning for the children.

We have received some great feedback from you already in regards to our on-line provision. This is very much appreciated as the Senior Leadership Team, all the staff and the governing body have worked tirelessly to ensure the school can provide the best education possible during these unprecedented times.

I would like to thank you for all your ongoing support for the school and assure you that we are doing, and will continue to do, everything in our power to ensure the children's education is of the highest possible quality while the school is in lockdown and that we will make sure that the children catch up on any learning they have missed when we eventually return.

Take care and stay safe

Steve Geary

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