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Dear Parents/Guardians,

How are you today?

I know you have been busy. I have seen some amazing things that you have been doing with your children – the videos I've watched were really uplifting – the planning and teamwork that has gone into the making of them - brilliant. We miss them every day, so it was lovely to see them again. They have warmed our hearts. I'm guessing that you are keeping up with the news. There are ongoing discussions about lifting lock-down restrictions, including for schools and there looks like there will be an announcement made on Sunday. We are still in the dark about the details of this announcement but schools will be operating differently to how they were before the closures. School union leaders are asking the government for scientific evidence that it is safe to return for children and staff and for clear guidance on how we can implement measures such as social distancing – for example keeping children apart within the building, at playtimes and during lunchtimes. No doubt many of your work places are grappling with the same sort of issues – possibly without the problem of playtimes! What seems to be clear is that the opening will be gradual, won't include all year groups and will be, to start with, part time.

I know the closure of school, except for the children of key workers, is putting extra strain on everyone. You have been doing, and continue to do a brilliant job supporting your children's learning as well as their emotional and physical well-being. But equally important is looking after yourselves and I hope you are making time for that too.

You may find the links below useful to support yourselves and your children – the NSPCC site has a wealth of information for keeping children safe, how to talk to them about the current situation as well as supporting parents and families in general. Also attached at the end of this letter is a section on Online Safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>
<https://www.minded.org.uk/>

The link below is to : **myHappyMind** which has been designed to help primary schools, nurseries, and families to create a positive mental wellbeing culture in which children build resilience, self-esteem, and character. They have created a light version of its programme which can be used at home for free.



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You can continue to contact school through admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk or contact@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk or through your children's class email address.

I will write to you again at the beginning of next week, hopefully with a little more detail of how we can get back to some form of normality.

Take Care. Stay Safe!

Yours sincerely,
Simon Talbot
Head Teacher

Online safety

There is support available to keep your child safe online. You can access [further information on keeping children safe online](#).

Here are some useful links to help parents and carers.

- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) to stay safe online
- to help families manage during this time, the NCA has launched [Thinkuknow: home activity packs](#), a set of fun, engaging activities based on Thinkuknow cartoons, films, games, and advice articles
- a new activity sheet for each age group will be published on the [Thinkuknow](#) website every 2 weeks while schools are closed - these activities offer a great opportunity to help you keep up positive, supportive conversations about online safety in your home
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) provides a tool kit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet Matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [LGfL](#) provides support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including 6 top tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net Aware](#) provides support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, providing a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) provides support for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services
- [staying safe online](#) provides government guidance offering advice on parental controls, fact-checking information, communicating with family and friends while social distancing is in place and taking regular breaks