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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. I know the ongoing situation is testing our powers of resilience to the full – yourselves, the staff and of course, the children. Thank you for your continued support of your children with the remote learning. You are doing and continue to do the best you can. As I said before there may be days when joining the live sessions or completing work may not be possible – this is completely understandable given the different pressures we are all facing, but the children having regular interactions with their classmates and teachers over the course of the week is invaluable at this time. If you are struggling with devices, connectivity, or just helping your child to engage in the remote learning please let us know – we can and will help (I know many of you have been in touch). You can contact staff via class emails or the office through the [admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk)

The situation in school remains the same with 25-30% of children attending every day and staff mostly working in school delivering remote learning and supporting the children who are attending, with the help of our teaching assistants. Each day brings new challenges and uncertainties – last week's flooding in and around the area added another dimension and level of excitement (if that is the right word!) and I believe snow is forecast this weekend.



The message remains the same from the Government, in that parents who are key workers should keep their children at home if they can. The Government also state that we should not allow children who are not in the vulnerable or key worker category on site, even if we think we could accommodate them safely. I know that some of you who have requested places will be disappointed and frustrated, but the stay at home message is about the broader issues of transmission of the virus in the community and the pressure on the local NHS. The Prime Minister indicated this week that if certain conditions are met then schools could open again on 8<sup>th</sup> March. What this will look like is still unknown, but we have been promised a two week notice period (anything will be better than the 12 hours we were given last time!) We are told that education attendance restrictions are to be reviewed again in mid-February when the Government will look at when more pupils and students can be brought back into schools and further education. I will keep you informed, although the chances are you will find out the details at the same time as me. We have been told that school will be closed to all pupils, as usual, during the half-term break. On another note staff have just started regular lateral flow tests so we will wait and see if this has any impact on our provision.

### **Mental Health Resources**

Please see separate attachments which you may find useful when talking to your children.

### **E-safety**

The Local Safeguarding Team has asked us to draw your attention to the dangers of a particular site shown on separate attached image. As ever it is very important to be aware of how your children are using the internet. We will continue to re-inforce e-safety messages in school.

I hope that the children are helping you to maintain your spirits and that you are all finding some time to relax and switch off, both metaphorically and literally speaking– not easy, I know, but essential for your peace of mind.

I will write to you again soon. Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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