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Dear Parents and Carers

As the second week of social distancing and remaining at home comes to a close, I just wanted give you some up to date information and to let you know that whilst we are not seeing your young people each day we are still thinking of them and trying our absolute best to support you from afar.

I would normally be writing to you at this time to wish you happy holidays as today we would have been breaking up for the two week Easter holidays. However I don't really think it will be much of an Easter holiday and because of that all the teachers have confirmed with me that they are still there to support you through the holidays providing contact and activities as you wish to use them. I, and the rest of the leadership team, will also be available for the duration of the holidays on the contact details you have been sent previously. Please do not hesitate in getting in touch if you have any queries.

I know that this is a very anxious time for each and every one of us and not a time that we want to think about some of the sadder things that may happen. I do though feel that it is extremely important that you have the opportunity to prepare in case your young person has to be admitted to hospital. My understanding is, that if they do go to hospital, you may not be able to go with them so it will be important for carers to know a little bit about them. Attached to this letter is a template that you might like to use as a Hospital Passport but my sincere hope is that it will not be needed.

I also want to reiterate that you are under no obligation to do any of the activities that are on the Learning Hub or sent to you, they are merely there to support you and give you ideas. I am more than happy for young people to do what is best for them and what feels right for the new routine that you have at home. Please do not put pressure on them and, just as importantly, please do not put pressure on yourself. Also attached to this letter is some advice about cyber security and keeping your children safe on line.

Just one last thing, before I wish you well. We are currently being asked to make sure all our families are safe and we need to make contact with you on a regular basis, so please can I ask that when the teacher emails you could you just reply with a brief response so we know that all is well. Please feel free to communicate with the staff as much as you choose, but a brief email each week would be hugely helpful. Thank you very much for your support.

That just leaves me to say thank you for all the lovely messages of support you are sending through and the pictures of your young people. It's so nice to see them and keeps our spirits lifted. Have a Happy Easter and I hope that you are all safe and well. Please remember to continue to wash your hands and encourage your young person to do the same.

Best wishes

Sonia White
Headteacher