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Dear Parents and Carers,

How are you all? Hoping you are managing to stay safe and find some positivity in each day. This week I have been saddened to hear in the media that COVID related deaths have surpassed 100,000. We are all impacted by the current situation and sadly some of our families are suffering at this extremely difficult time - our thoughts and prayers go out to you. I can only reiterate the government guidance to continue to adhere to the lockdown guidance and that the safest place for everyone is at home.

Thank you for your continued support as we operate both school and remote learning class bubbles. As a school, we have started staff LFD testing so please bear with us if we need to change staffing or close bubbles at short notice. This will however be a further protective measure for us as a school and our families. This will run alongside the robust measures already in place to help minimise risks. As a reminder, the school risk assessment can be found on our website. It identifies the strong mitigation strategies we already have in place, along with our safe capacity to minimise risks during this period of restricted attendance in school.

I understand how disappointing it is to hear that schools will remain closed to most children until at least 8th March 2021. I share your frustration and the challenges that it brings. However, the one thing I love about Greenleas, is our wonderful sense of community, belonging and togetherness. Yet again, this is a time for us all to really pull together and look after everyone within our lovely school family. Let us continue to show compassion, understanding and support for one another. We are all trying to do our best in very difficult circumstances.



Children's Mental Health Week 1-7 February 2021

With schools closed for most pupils, and lots of uncertainty, children's mental health has never been more important. Next week, we will provide a menu of well-being/ creative activities for children to choose from during the afternoons. On Well-being Wednesday nothing will be loaded onto Goggle Classroom. This will

allow everyone a break from screen time (children and staff) and an opportunity to catch up or catch your breath!

This year's theme is EXPRESS YOURSELF!

You will see that each day has been allocated a theme: a way to EXPRESS YOURSELF! Some of the activities are aimed at KS1 and some at KS2; feel free to try any that take your fancy!

Try to do at least 1 activity a day! Upload any pictures or share your 'expressions' on Google Classroom. (You can mix the days up too if that suits your family better!)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Express yourself with COLOUR	Express yourself with MUSIC	Express yourself with MOVEMENT	Express yourself with FASHION or PHOTOGRAPHY	Express yourself with WORDS
Create a colourful self-portrait – use as many different materials or colours as you can!	Play your favourite song on an instrument or learn a new song!	Create your own work out, obstacle course (indoors or outdoors) or circuit training course.	Dress up in an outfit that represents YOU! Your favourite clothes or fancy dress!	Express yourself through poetry. Write a poem of your choice based on anything that interests you!
Complete some mindfulness colouring in.	Listen to your favourite music. Find a song that represents you!	Go for a nature walk – collect an object for every letter of your name. e.g. S = Shell A = Acorn M = Moss	Play the 'Dressing Up Challenge' Find 5 things to wear beginning with S or P (Or a letter of choice) 5 minute challenge!	Select a character (from a book or film) that you feel represents you. Draw/ Write about the character. Why did you choose this character?
Get creative by making some home-made playdough or design something amazing with Lego or junk modelling.	Write your own song. Upload the lyrics so we can read it. Songs are like poems – express yourself!	Complete some yoga activities or mindfulness sessions. Search for your own or use the links below.	Design and create your own T-shirt or head band or socks with a positive message!	Write or illustrate a short story – You could type it/ write it/ draw it/ act it out/ put it in a comic strip etc.
Design a colourful menu – can you make all/some of the food/recipes over the week? E.g. smoothies, cakes, fruit salads	Sing like no-one's listening!	Practise some skills. e.g. keepy-ups, skipping, juggling	Make some jewellery from pasta shapes or beads. Make a friendship bracelet with wool.	Think of as many inspirational words as possible and create a poster. Google 'Word Art' to get some ideas.
Complete a piece of art of your choice – use a medium of your choice.	Research a famous musician.	Run 5K Record your time. Can you beat your PB?	Take some pictures of things/ places that interest you. Why do the images inspire you?	Make a quiz: Use PowerPoint or google slides or write it by hand. It could be multiple choice or a T/F quiz.(:

What Else?

Watch the following clips: Some of them are just for your enjoyment; the last two, are creative ideas (particularly for younger children)

Beautiful Oops - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fZjMYdQjGM>
Express yourself - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfbOkWFTRAw>
Creativity Goes On - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K11NW7h7lrY>
Make an origami dog - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dD4Gv3s3QH8>
Try this Squiggle Game - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozKW1M97JXE&feature=youtu.be>
Yoga / Mindfulness:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
<https://www.mindful.org/mindfulness-for-kids/>

Have fun everyone!

Attendance

Throughout this lockdown, we are required by law to record all children's attendance. If your child is unable to attend the days learning (in school or remotely), you will need to report their absence in the normal way – ringing the school office or sending an email to schooloffice@greenleas.wirral.sch.uk by 9:30am.

Isolating and/or notification of a Positive Covid Test

We still need to note if a family is isolating or if there has been a positive case. Please can you inform us via covid@greenleas.wirral.sch.uk with the necessary information. We will acknowledge receipt and do anything we can to support you as a family.

Devices

If you are having problems with devices or dependable Wi-Fi, please let us know so that we can find ways to help you access home learning. We have a number of Vodafone 3 in 1 SIM cards (30gb) that fit all types of tablets, dongles and wif-fi devices. Please let us know if you would like one.

Be kind, be careful and stay safe,

Warmest wishes
Mrs Sharon Edwards
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