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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

NEWSFLASH
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Good Morning,

A few little updates and reminders...but not a huge amount to report except for... PLEASE STAY AT HOME!

Today, is the day we enter in the 'Easter break' for two weeks. It is important at this time that the children have the distinction of the Easter break, rather than school term. This has been a very emotionally and mentally challenging time for many of us, children, adults, parents, carers, etc.

I have seen so many wonderful experiences children are having outside of their learning time at home too, such as knitting, putting up sheds, gardening, it has been wonderful. Now is the time for all the Easter jobs... I've created quite a long list for my husband and children whilst I'm at school... 😊 The teachers also need this break too but will be ready and recharged for home-school learning from Monday 20th April once again.

If you are short of ideas for some things you might like to do as a family, now you have the time, you may like to try:

- Consider starting a family tree, there are templates available online or a big piece of paper is a good starting point.
- Take responsibility for a few household chores, e.g. making and changing the beds, helping with the washing, cooking a meal together, baking a cake.
- Make a tally chart of all the different birds you see entering your garden
- Write a 25 line story – each family member creating a different line of the story and continuing from where the last person left off...
- Make a bubble mixture and explore blowing bubbles – Does a bigger wand make a bigger bubble? Can you make different shape bubbles with different shape wands?
- Make a den inside and 'camp out' for the night.
- Make a treasure hunt in your house and garden, making clues to find the mystery item

If you think of any more good ideas... send me a message on Class DoJo and I might be able to post more ideas as they arise. I might even do some with my family at the weekend...

As we are at home more, can I also remind you of the safety measures around internet safety. In the first week back to school, Monday 20th April, when home school learning commences again, the teachers are going to be doing some work focussed on the internet and online safety.

We are aware children are using devices more and more at this time, so it is important to be vigilant with online safety messages such as; checking phones and devices for messages and the App usage; ensuring your child is feeling safe and not upset by messages they are receiving; monitoring face-timing etc.

I have also attached the Safeguarding information again. If there is a safeguarding concern whilst school is closed to the majority, you will the information to hand.

NHS and School Nursing:

The NHS 0-19 Public health team including Health Visitors and School Nurses will continue to be available via our duty desk: Tel: [821388](tel:821388)

Email: www.0-19dutydesk@nhs.net

We have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/IOWPHTEAM/>

We recommend that parents and young people have a look at these websites for general health advice.

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/>

School Contact Information:

School will be contactable during this period and during key worker opening times. If there is a slight delay in our response, this will be due to us working with a skeleton staff in school.

Telephone number: 01983 869910 or in any emergency 07399 815187

Email: admin@gattenlakepri.iow.sch.uk

I am continuously thinking of all our families, friends, teachers, staff and community at this worrying time and send my sincere love to you all. Please keep safe by following the guidelines. If anyone needs support or wants to talk anything through please do not hesitate to call.

I have been sending lots of messages, some have been received, others are on their way, some are waiting to be completed... I wonder if you will get my special message soon!

I really do miss everyone so, so much.

Kindest Regards,

Rebecca Day – Headteacher