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Dear Parents and carers,

You may recall I wrote to you in April and July regarding the Reconnect programme developed by the Kent County Council (KCC). This is a community -based programme to support children in all aspects of their lives which have been affected by the pandemic including their learning, wellbeing and friendships. These effects have been significant, and it is recognised nationally and internationally that children and young people have sacrificed more than most over the course of the pandemic.

The idea behind Reconnect comes from young people in Kent, who told KCC they would prefer a positive programme focusing on opportunities rather than emphasising the 'damage' that may have been done to them or their futures by the pandemic. The ambition is that every child and young person will be able to engage with the type of activity that will benefit them the most since everyone will have different needs and desires after the pandemic.

Reconnect link with various local organisations giving some exciting opportunities and ideas for families to take part in this Christmas time. Further information can be found by using the following link;
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/reconnect>

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals you will receive a separate letter from us giving details of how to access the Food Voucher, Free Bus Pass and the Holiday Activities Programme voucher.

Kind regards

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Sarah Moss
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