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Dear Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the first week of the Easter holiday – and what a lovely bonus to have had such wonderful weather for some of it, with more expected next week!

I'm sure the children are enjoying some time to relax a little and hopefully you are feeling a little less pressure too with regards to completing a day's work in over-seeing it all. Thank you for understanding the need for our teachers also to have a break, of course this has been a challenging time for everyone and I am of the understanding that this will officially now continue beyond the Easter holiday.

My thoughts are with those of you who are attempting to work from home; and especially those of you who are working on the front line – our childcare for Key Worker children has worked successfully over the last week, being run out of the Year 3 classroom in Shadwell. Thank you to all my staff who are continuing to support us in maintaining this facility as Key Workers; I'm certain you will agree, their contribution is invaluable.

Safeguarding update:

I am mindful that each of you will have plenty to keep the children occupied some days and on others, it will be more relaxed. Please can I point you in the direction of the NSPCC website; it's very informative and provides advice ranging from working from home, talking to worried children, online safety and coping with tantrums!

The direct link is: [https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/?utm\\_source=Adestra&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Coronavirus%20%28COVID-19%29%20advice%20and%20support%20for%20parents%20and%20carers&utm\\_campaign=SIEU-2020-04-09](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Coronavirus%20%28COVID-19%29%20advice%20and%20support%20for%20parents%20and%20carers&utm_campaign=SIEU-2020-04-09)



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Our Local Authority 'Prevent' Team, has also asked me to inform you of the following:

*...Be aware of the potential increase of fake / poor quality organisations offering online learning to young people. Please ensure that parents and young people are clearly directed to the platform / resources (schools) are recommending and that they are aware of the potential for rogue offers.*

**Please encourage parents to speak with their children about their online activity.**

The Authority have also shared the following blog link for consideration of using the 'House Party' chat-room app and have asked that parents are mindful of what has been shared on the news in the last week with regards to the 'Zoom' app whereby, some chats have been 'zoom-bombed' and conversations have been intruded with unsuitable and inappropriate material:

<https://www.inege.com/2020/03/30/houseparty-how-safe-is-the-app-taking-the-uk-by-storm/>

And so, as our third week without school draws to a close, may I wish you all a peaceful, relaxed and happy Easter weekend, where I would reiterate the message to **Stay at Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives.**

We have a VERY special treat on its way to you, courtesy of our staff in Shadwell Primary; I know you and the children will absolutely LOVE it and I'm certain it will provide much entertainment for you all... that's got you thinking hasn't it? Watch this space!

Take very good care of yourselves, your family and one another.

Many kind regards to all of you and a very Happy Easter,

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