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Dear parents and carers,

A Message to Green Lane

Difficult times can often bring the best out of us and that is certainly true at Green Lane. Staff have been absolutely blown away with the effort you have all put in over the past two weeks – none of us ever thought you and the children would do as much as you have! It has been truly inspirational to see. Tomorrow morning I hope to do another livestreamed Friday Celebration at 9.10am and have about a hundred names to announce! I am working from home this week so you should see me from my kitchen as long as Linda (my wife) can work the recording – don't tell her I said that! Tune into Facebook in the morning and keep your fingers crossed...

If these past few weeks have taught us anything it is how important family is and I would urge all of us now to take some time off over the next two weeks and spend time together watching your favourite movies, playing games, cooking together and simply finding as many opportunities as you can to laugh and smile. I would suggest that you stop the home learning and treat these next two weeks as much like a holiday as you can. We all need a break from the stress and the worry; quite frankly we all need a chance to switch off over these next two weeks.

Staff are working on the next home learning packages ready to go online for the 20th April but I've asked them all to try to relax over these next two weeks – so please don't expect any replies to emails over these next two weeks and remember you are all trying to relax as well so forget about school work and home learning for a while.

If children would like a bit of an Easter project to do then they could design and make their own farm scene – Mrs Wilson and Miss Court have lots of lambs being born on their farms as we speak! Children could create their own farmyard stories to go with their scenes. This is just for fun though and only if you need something to do. Email any pictures to me using the school email address: greenlane@durhamlearning.net

If things get too much and you need to speak to someone then Mrs Linsley's Wellbeing Helpline is there on 0792 8812316, if you are desperate then she will provide a listening ear between 1pm and 2pm.

We are all feeling the effects of this crisis, but what gives me strength is knowing that we are all together (in mind if not in body), that our school is not just about the building, it is about the people in it – the pupils, the volunteers, the staff, the parents and the community that surrounds it. Children have been creating rainbows that will go into hospitals this weekend – you donated food that has gone out supporting our community. This is about so much more than a building. This is Team GL! Hope to see you all in the morning.

As always, the best of wishes to you and your family. God bless you all, stay safe and stay healthy.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Goffee'.

Rob Goffee
Headteacher