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Notes from the kitchen table

(It's too cold in the attic)

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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you have had some fun this weekend – you certainly deserve it!

At my house on Friday evening, we had a rather muted birthday celebration for my husband. On Saturday, I managed to spend a nice relaxing morning watching rubbish on Netflix and sewing and it was bliss! My youngest moved into her own flat on Saturday afternoon so an eventful weekend too.

If like me, you are crafters or if you enjoy art why not share what you have been creating with the school community via your Facebook page - we'd love to see what you and your children are doing.

As you know already, our staff have been flow testing twice weekly to help us all to check that we are Covid free and we are really focusing on following stringent hygiene procedures. Thank you all for remembering to wear masks at pick up and drop off and for ensuring that your children have clean hands and short clean nails.

The teachers and I are all so delighted by the standard of writing that we are seeing the children producing at home I have really enjoyed seeing their posts, thank you all for all the support you are giving the school in enabling us to run blended learning effectively.

We continue to try to limit the numbers on site to keep everyone as safe as we can. We have been helped in this by all the key workers who have worked to share the childcare between themselves. Thank you too, to all of you working from home whilst educating your children, I can't begin to imagine how hard it must be for you working and trying to keep your children engaged with their learning.

As the children are online so much at present, I have attached a useful guide for parents from the NSPCC to support you in keeping your children safe whilst learning online. You can also follow the link to access the resource on the safeguarding tab on our school website. <http://www.ilsington.thelink.academy/website/safeguarding/488798>

We will also continue to remind the children about how they can keep safe online.

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Together with this letter is a wellbeing poster which is similar to the one that our staff receive each week. I thought you might enjoy picking out some of the suggestions if you are looking for something to lighten your day this week. If you fancy **a virtual coffee and a catch up** this week with me and anyone else who comes along why not log in by clicking the link below this Thursday afternoon?

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Finally, we hope that we will be able to share more information, more pictures and videos too in our new style newsletter soon - we hope you will enjoy the new format.

For now, I shall wish you all a very good week and hope that you all stay safe, happy, and well.

Kind regards

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