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RE: Letter to all children of Woodhouse Primary Academy - Please read carefully, or have an adult read it to you.

Dear Children of Woodhouse,

As your Head Teacher, I am writing to **you** to tell you how proud I am of you. I have missed being able to do that in school as expected this week. The last 10 months has been so hard and tough for us all – but especially for each of you. You have been so brave and sensible throughout the many changes we have had to make. Every one of you should be proud of yourselves for the children you are and the way in which you act. You make me so proud to be head teacher at Woodhouse – it really is the best job in the world.

With our school closed, and most children at home, I want to remind you to listen to the adults at home. You now need to stay at home to protect yourself and stop coronavirus spreading once more. Being at home and away from school is both exciting and scary. I know that – just like last time – you will love spending time with your family and enjoying yourselves through play and learning. I also know that you will be worried about how long this will last again and what will happen to us all. I am too.

The truth is, no one knows. It is not something we can control.

We can control how we keep our brains active and busy: Your teachers will continue to work so hard to give you lots of amazing learning opportunities every day. There are so many interesting and so many fun things for you to do each day. There is enough to never be bored, and you can complete it when it best works for your family. Complete your lessons on Google Classroom each day. Enjoy a book. Draw something. Cook something. Make something. Once again, take the chance to lead your own learning and share this learning with your families. If you have problems using any home learning resources or you need help – have an adult email: homelearning@woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk or call school. Don't be "bored" or "boring" be busy and active – this will help the time go quicker.

We can control keeping ourselves healthy. Exercise is important – especially in winter. It will be tempting to do nothing... Be active instead, there are lots of indoor fitness activities which are safe and will help you keep fit on our Home Learning page on the school website. Currently, families are allowed outside to exercise each day. With your families, put your coat on, put your mask on and get some fresh air – perhaps a walk, run or a bike ride with people you live with. Don't spend all day in front of a screen or device, move your body and exercise. If you are unwell, take the time to get better before you try and do too much. When you feel well – be active and keep healthy.

We can control how we look after our families. What do we say at Woodhouse? Who has been outstanding this week? – I hope that every hand can go up all around our homes in Quinton and beyond every single Friday. I want you to imagine me asking that question at 9:15am every Friday – perhaps your family could ask you? I need you all to be brilliant and show your families what amazing children you are. You need to do everything you can to help and be kind to all at home. Try and do at least 3 things every day which are helpful and kind, without needing to be asked. As Paddington says: "If we are kind and polite, the world will be right." You can help keep your house tidy, help with meal times or take on a chore that you would not normally do. You can help your siblings and do your best to get along and be patient with each other. Show your family the love and care they deserve – put a smile on someone's face every chance you get. If you do this, you too will be smiling.

We can control keeping ourselves safe. When online you can keep safe by being open and honest with adults about what you are doing. If something doesn't feel right, you need to speak to an adult to tell them. Don't talk to strangers online, don't use social media to be unkind to others and don't let your technology control you. Put down the phone, tablet or TV remote regularly and do something which will give your brain a break. Take care to always follow the rules from the government about only going outside



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for essential reasons, and always with an adult.

We can control being a Woodhouse child. Whether having to attend school for emergency care, or when you are at home – you are all children of Woodhouse Primary Academy. **Always.** Ours is a very special school filled with amazing children and awesome adults – we are very lucky. You will come back to school safely when it is safe to do so. You will come back with more stories, new knowledge and once again with absolute joy at seeing your friends and classmates again. All of the staff here and I will welcome you back home to Woodhouse with open arms. Our school community will be together once more. I can't tell you how much I miss having you in school already – I can't wait to have you back, safe and sound.

I want you to know that I and all the adults in school care about you a great deal. If you need **anything** then just ask an adult to contact school.

Stay safe,



Mr Wilson
Proud Head Teacher
Woodhouse Primary Academy

