



A LETTER FROM HOWDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

I hope this message finds you all safe and well. It has been an emotional few weeks for pupils and staff in school as we have moved away from providing formal education for children to offering childcare provision for children of critical workers. As you can imagine, saying 'goodbye' to our children and families on the 20th March was very difficult, particularly given the fact we don't know when we will be able to open fully again. However, our teachers and families have been brilliant at keeping in touch and regularly communicating through email / school Facebook page about the work and creative things that have been taking place in homes across the village and beyond. School will be remaining open to those that need us over the Easter holidays and every week from then on for as long as is required. So, if you are passing on a daily walk or to get some fresh air, don't hesitate to give us a wave as you pass! You will also see outside our school a fantastic banner that children in our childcare have produced this week encouraging everyone to stay safe. Wishing everyone the very best during these challenging times. Please remember that things will improve, and 'normal' life will return.

Chris Baines,

Head teacher

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MEETING OUR NEEDS



Our secret shopper has been out and about in the village taking pictures of some of people in the front line providing essential services to the village and managed to capture Stephen, Paul, Ian, and Claire from a safe distance behind their red line in front of their counters. Thanks to everyone at the Post Office, the Butchers, and the Garage for keeping our shops open.



We also caught up with Trevor the postman. His additional routines in the emergency include wearing disposable gloves, using a hand sanitiser and deep cleaning and disinfecting his van on a daily basis. Trevor always has a smile and a cheery word (at a distance!) despite the difficult times. Thank you, Trevor.

We couldn't get pictures of the carers who help the elderly and frail in the village to continue to live in their own homes. Thank you all. We know how difficult this crisis is for you.

Finally thank you to the bin men who dispose of our rubbish. Remember used tissues should be double bagged and kept for 72 hours before being put into your bin.

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