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Dear Parents/Carers and Staff,

### Updates

- Here's a photo of today's staff team wearing their new hoodies – don't they look fab! Huge thanks once again to our friends at Recognition Express (Kent) for pulling out all the stops on this kit....



- Families - please remember that you will be receiving calls from the following number - 01622 939083. This is a FAW number that we have set up specifically to enable staff to contact parents using their home phones on a school number. **This is not manned so please don't call this number back.** Staff will try and call you back if they do not get through to you, or alternatively you can call the office number and leave a message if we are unable to take the call immediately.
- Our staff will continue to be in touch over the Easter holiday. Thank you to all the staff that have already contacted families to offer advice and support – we know that this has been very well received.
- A number of parents have been asking us for advice about online safety. The Government has updated its information for parents and carers to include a section on keeping children safe online. It provides links to online resources that will help support parents and carers in keeping their children safe online. Full details can be found in section 6.3 of the guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>
- Handwashing advice – the most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and whenever you return home. The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- During the COVID-19 crises, the Designated Safeguarding Lead contact details for parents, carers and professionals are as follows –  
[dsl@five-acre.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@five-acre.kent.sch.uk)  
Mobile – 07756 339722

Take care over the Easter holidays.

Kind regards

## The Senior Leadership Team

