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Dear parents and carers,

As we prepare to close the school to most of our pupils from Monday, I must commend our pupils on the wonderful way in which they have conducted themselves and the kindnesses that they have shown in recent days. They have been marvellous and we look forward to being able to welcome them back.

Safe-guarding

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, help continues to be available through the school via the Designated Safe-Guarding Leads. These are Mrs A Galletly and Mr B Hickey. Use the school's main telephone and email details to get in touch. Our policies and further information are available on the school website.

You can also report concerns to Derbyshire's dedicated child protection line, Starting Point on 01629 533190.

The NSPCC is another source of help. Adults concerned about a child should call 0808 800 5000. Children and young people can call Childline on 0800 1111.

Online safety and conduct

We have reminded our pupils about the basic rules and expectations regarding online safety, online bullying and conduct. Please be assured that we will handle any transgressions in the usual manner, i.e. informing parents and carers and logging the matter as a bullying incident.

Please give due consideration and involve yourself actively in the protection and safety of your children whilst they are online over this period of school closure. Consider the following important steps advised by childnet.com which are particularly applicable in the current situation:

- Use and check filtering software to block unwanted content
- Regularly monitor your child's devices and online activity
- Check the privacy settings and reporting features available on popular sites, services and apps.
- If your child is being bullied online, save all available evidence and know where to report the incident, for example to the school, service provider, or the police if the law has been broken.
- Encourage your child to 'think before you post.'
- The following is an excellent source of advice. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Yours sincerely



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