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### Safeguarding Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to term five. I hope that your children have enjoyed the phone calls from members of staff this week. We've had some brilliant feedback and the staff team are really looking forward to ringing again next week.

This circumstance is something that nobody could ever prepare for. For some families, we know it is making existing situations harder or bringing new stresses and strains.

Some of the challenges you may be facing:

- Trying to get your child to engage with online learning which may be leading to more arguments at home.
- Trying to balance looking after your child/ children whilst completing your own work.
- Lack of food due to inability to get to the shops or the cost of it.
- Trying to reassure children or other relatives who are suffering from anxiety.
- Trying to reduce bickering between siblings when you're all confined to the same space.
- More arguments between yourself and partner as a result of all you're trying to manage.

We are here to help in any way we can. Please talk to us.

Some advice from professionals on answering children's questions can be found here  
<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/covid-19-faqs-for-parents/>

You can contact me via the email address [office@dartfordprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@dartfordprimary.org.uk) . Alternatively, you can text or call Anna Reid (07710859353 ) or Marion Mealin (07483168314) or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/dartfordprimary/> .

If you or your child are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. If you are unable to talk on the phone, dial 999, listen to the questions from the operator and respond by coughing or tapping the handset if you can. You will then be given further instructions.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Haywood

Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Vice Principal

