



Dear Students,

We have joined forces with BBC Radio Northampton and Greatwell Homes, Wellingborough, to write and send letters to elderly and vulnerable residents living in homes managed by Greatwell Homes in Northamptonshire. The idea is to provide contact and communication, for those struggling with isolation and who may not have a support network from family and friends. I have provided details below on how to get involved, and some ideas for the content of your letters. These can be written by individuals or on behalf of your entire family. Drawings and illustrations are also welcomed.

What to include in your letter:

- Large font in a dark colour is appreciated (some residents have poor eyesight.)
- The tone should be light and conversational, perhaps add some questions as they may like to reply.
- Residents enjoy hearing details of family life / pets / activities.
- Details of how your family are coping with lockdown, home schooling etc.
- Expressions of positive messages of hope for the future.
- Expressions of care and hope for the person receiving.
- Drawings, illustrations and posters are also greatly appreciated. Some residents enjoy having things to put up or stick on their walls.
- Letters can come from individuals or an entire family.

How to send your letter:

- Once you have finished your letter, you will need to email it to your Head of Year.
- The letters will have a unique code added to them, to enable the recipient to reply if they want to. Please do not put your address or full name on the letter (first names are fine).
- BBC Radio Northampton are keen promote this idea, so if you feel able, they would be grateful to receive videos of you reading your letters out loud. These videos should also be emailed to your head of year and BBC Radio Northampton may use the audio in a broadcast to promote the project.

This is a great way to do help our community in its hour of need, so please get involved if you can. There is not a deadline for your letters, but I know that residents are eagerly awaiting contact, so if you are able to produce something this week or next, that would be enormously appreciated.

Please email your Head of Year as soon as your letter is complete as these will be distributed as soon as they are received. Thanks in advance – and any questions, please contact your Head of Year.

Mr J Birkett

Headteacher