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Dear Ellingham Families,

Tomorrow is a bank holiday to celebrate VE day and hopefully Ellingham families will find some way of joining the celebrations, even if it's hanging bunting and joining in the 2 minutes silence at 11am. The children have been engaged in learning about VE day as a whole school project. It's lovely to come together and work on something as a school. We've created a webpage to celebrate some of the work sent in by children, with a video assembly, stories and a special message from staff.

<https://sites.google.com/ellingham.school/ellingham-primary-school-ve/home>

We are expecting an announcement regarding changes for schools on Sunday, with more information possibly on Monday. While we've created a checklist of all considerations to be made if some children and staff are to return to school safely, we cannot respond specifically until we are briefed on the details. Once we have the specifics, I will issue a letter to advise parents of the proposal. Safety of children and staff will remain our priority and adjustments to space and movement around the school will be made to address this. Any return to school will have implications for our school learning so, following the announcement, we will issue a survey to parents to understand how you have found the home learning to date and how we can adapt to make it manageable and effective going forward. Thank you to all of our children and families for the sterling efforts you have made to keep engaged with learning while trying to balance home working, shared devices, no devices and the stress of being in lockdown.

It can't be said often enough that these difficult times are creating a lot of anxiety and stress. Every child and family member have access to our 'Well-being' classroom on Google classroom. There's lots of resources to relax and engage outside of learning – mindfulness, a daily riddle and photo competitions. We have been sending you across a few links that have been provided by the Emotional Health Service and the latest ones are accessible on social media. Please click on the links below or paste into your browser:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Centre-for-Parent-and-Child-Support-CPCS100276281421476/>
- Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/cpcs\\_official/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/cpcs_official/?hl=en)

Enjoy your long weekend. Switch off from learning and working and enjoy the break if you can.

Hope to see you all soon.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Keogh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end of the word "Keogh".

Lisa Keogh  
Headteacher