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Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday has come round quickly which means it is time for my weekly update.

Once again we have been lucky to experience beautiful sunny weather, which I trust has made your lives easier. I am not a scientist but I think the reduction in air and road traffic and therefore the reduction in pollution can only help towards clear skies! I just hope that the world will reflect on the positive impacts of lock down on the environment when this is all over. Mrs Mitchell has been working on the school's response to protecting the environment with the school council. Unfortunately, she has not been able to meet with them over the past few weeks but her work continues. Please do have a look at the eco-council page (on the Children's Tab) on the school website, where Mrs Mitchell has posted a moving video and the focus for the months of March and April. May will follow shortly. <https://www.willowstimperley.co.uk/eco-council/>

I have been delighted to see responses to my 'Thought for the Day' on Tapestry and Seesaw. Thank you for reading my 'Blogg' and taking action on some of the challenges I have mentioned. If you haven't made this part of your daily routine, I encourage you to do so, it is another way that I can keep in touch with you all. You will find it under the Children's Tab on the website at the end of the class pages. <https://www.willowstimperley.co.uk/mrs-warrens-page/>

Thank you too your feedback on the 'Well being Pack' that I posted on Monday. If you missed that, it too is on the website this time under the Parents' Tab and Covid-19. Please know we are here for you at all times. Please contact the school office on [willows.admin@trafford.go.uk](mailto:willows.admin@trafford.go.uk) if you would like some support. <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/willowsprimaryaltrincham/UploadedDocument/287a64da495e4aec8766fa4b137ed62b/parents-well-being-pack.pdf>

Following on from that I have added a 'Communication Pack' to the website. It is also attached to this email. <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/willowsprimaryaltrincham/UploadedDocument/35c4957f5300425da2e666d60468b758/communication-booklet.pdf>

It's a confusing time for us all right now and effective communication is a really important skill for young children. At a time when children might have lots of questions or be anxious about the changes they can see around them, we thought you might like to have a read of this communication guide and work through it with your child while they're at home with you. This has been designed especially for primary aged children, the booklet helps children think about things like:

- How people talk to them
- How they talk to other people
- Their communication and other people's feelings
- Bossy and shouting language versus friendly and kind language



It introduces Monkey Bob, a colourful character, who helps children to engage with their feelings. He helps children to open up when they're struggling with their emotions. You'll meet Monkey Bob and his friends in the Communication booklet, but you can visit [www.monkeybob.org.uk](http://www.monkeybob.org.uk) to find out more about him. Choose a time when your child seems relaxed to sit down together and read their booklet. Talk about each page as they complete each section. I hope you find this useful.

We have had another good week in school with key workers' children. The highlight of the week was when one of our key worker parents, who is a mounted police officer, visited school on her huge horse called 'Tiny'!! The children were able to wave from a safe distance and were delighted by the experience. Thank you Mrs M. The children and staff continue to be incredible ambassadors for our school, we are very proud of each and every one of them. We are also extremely proud of all you at home too. You are all doing an amazing job of keeping yourselves and our community safe alongside learning from home. Well done and keep up the outstanding efforts.

Take care everyone. Look after yourselves and each other and let's hope we will all be back together soon.

You are in my thoughts every day.

Mrs Warren