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Hello from the North Pole!

My elves have been telling me that some of you lovely children at St. Jude's Catholic Primary School in Birmingham, UK have been a little worried lately and that your school has had to close. Lots of things have been changing and you might not be able to see some family and your friends for a while. You must be wondering why.

You've probably heard people talking about a virus and I know that your Headteacher, Mrs Smith, had a special assembly so that you know a bit more about it. The virus can make people feel poorly and we need to stop it from spreading. The best way to do this is to stay apart for a little while. You will see signs in shops and other places that talk about something called social distancing.

The doctors, nurses, carers and scientists are our SUPERHEROES. They are working very hard to help sick people feel better and finding new medicine to stop people catching the virus. We are all their SIDEKICKS. We get to protect everyone by washing our hands really well and spreading kindness instead of germs! If we all work together, everything will be okay and we will soon be back to normal again. Mrs Cape from your school told me that she is looking forward to having her lovely Nursery class back soon and Mrs Carrington told me that her Reception class are very good. Thank you for helping them at school.

If you are missing a friend or someone you love, just give them a call or write them a letter. Ask how they are and tell them about your day. I bet hearing from you will make them feel happy. That's your super-power. Help adults around the house too. Mrs Dawes told me that the children in her class will be very good at doing this. Tidy away toys and always listen. Listening is very important – that's why elves have big ears! By the way, Mrs Glennon said that in Year Two, you can all listen well and follow instructions so show someone at home just how good you are at this.

It may seem a little strange doing things differently for a while, but let's think of it as a big adventure. Remember how great it felt at Christmas when you played games with your family, watched films and laughed together. Well, we get to do that all over again, just for a

bit longer. Mr McGarrigle is looking forward to playing Twister and you all know that Mr Powell is great at Chess. He wants you back at his after school club soon. In her free time, Mrs Cleaver is going to watch 'Spies in Disguise' and Mrs McGrory is going watch 'Frozen 2'. Mrs Emery told me that she is going to draw some pictures with her children and Mrs Broomhall is going to read 'The Beast of Buckingham Palace' by David Walliams. Oh and Mrs Orton has asked me to remind you that, if you are worried about anything, talk to an adult and they will be able to help you.

By the way, everyone at the North Pole is completely fine. Elves and Reindeer can't catch this virus. The magic inside Mrs Claus and I stops us from catching it too. As I write this letter, my elves are in Elf School having fun designing new toys. The reindeers have been having a long rest but it's their time for them to start their training again. We'll need lots of crunchy carrots to get them moving again but we are only going to buy what we need because there needs to be enough of everything for everyone. Mrs Smith told me that if anyone is worried about not having enough food, they must contact her because she knows where she can get some extra things for the very special families at St. Jude's.

Okay sidekicks, time to start spreading that kindness. Give someone a cuddle and watch a huge smile appear on their face. Remember to keep washing those hands! Let me tell you quickly before I go, a man called Joe Wicks is doing a live PE lesson at 9am from Monday to Friday on his Youtube channel. Mr Davies said that he was going to join in because it's such a great way to start the day. And Mr Smith (Mrs Smith's husband) recommends some of the virtual tours you can do on the English Heritage website, especially the one of Stone Henge. Finally, remember to say a prayer for your family and friends each day.

Lots of love from everyone at the North Pole,

*Santa Claus*

