

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well in these difficult times.

My name is Rebecca McGarry and I am a teacher at Glendale Primary School. During the Coronavirus restrictions, whilst the school is closed, I would like to organize a Penpal Project between some of our pupils and older members of the local community who may be feeling particularly isolated.

The idea would be for you to write and receive a weekly email in partnership with a pupil from Glendale in the hope that it will be a valuable and ongoing source of emotional support for all parties involved. My hope is that this could be a wonderful opportunity to forge cross-generational friendships in a way that modern life doesn't usually allow us the time to do!

By participating in the Penpal project you would be supporting our pupils' learning in so many rich and meaningful ways whilst they are unable to attend school. By reading and writing the emails they would be consolidating and improving their literacy skills. And if you are happy to share some of your memories from the past during your email conversations, it would give your pupil penpal an invaluable opportunity to engage in a "living history" learning experience.

During the Penpals Project I would be acting as a "Gatekeeper" between yourself and your pupil penpal. As such all email correspondence between yourself and your pupil penpal would come directly to my account and I would forward it on to you both, respectively. In this way, only I would have access to your email address, thus limiting the sharing of personal data for all parties involved.

If you would like to take part in the Glendale Penpals Project, please email me at the following address:

gw10mcgarryrebecca@glow.sch.uk

Many thanks for taking the time to read and consider this request.

Please take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Rebecca McGarry,

(Teacher, Glendale Primary School)