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Dear parents,

Today is Earth Day and if we had been in school we would have spent some time considering how our actions can change the world. This message could not be any stronger than it is today as you are changing the world for the better by staying home and protecting the NHS. We often tell the children that their thoughts and ideas are so important and they should be shared and valued; I have no doubt that the most profound insights about this period of lockdown will come from our children.

Humans were given the most important job of all of by God- to take care of the Earth and everything that exists on it. Pope Francis wrote a letter to everyone, asking us to look after our world. The letter is entitled Laudato Si and the children may be able to tell you what it contained. You can also find out more here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Laudato-Si-animation>

We have had lots of messages from children telling us what they have been doing for Earth Day 2020 and we have posted these on our Twitter account @OLQoPPprimary.

As many of us are spending much more time online during this period of lockdown, our thoughts go to the ways in which we can keep the children safe when they are accessing the internet. We have been informed that there has been a significant increase in online abuse and radicalisation. Please check your computer settings so that the children can access only the sites that are suitable for them. Please also monitor closely what they are doing and who they are contacting. I have previously sent a number of links to further advice but a good starting point is <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> Please email confidentially at [Familysupport@olqoprprimary.org.uk](mailto:Familysupport@olqoprprimary.org.uk) if you are worried in anyway about any child. Although we do not see the children everyday we will still do anything in our power to help and protect them.

Thank you for the many emails and messages of encouragement. Our staff really appreciate all your kind words.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

B A Reilly-O'Donnell

