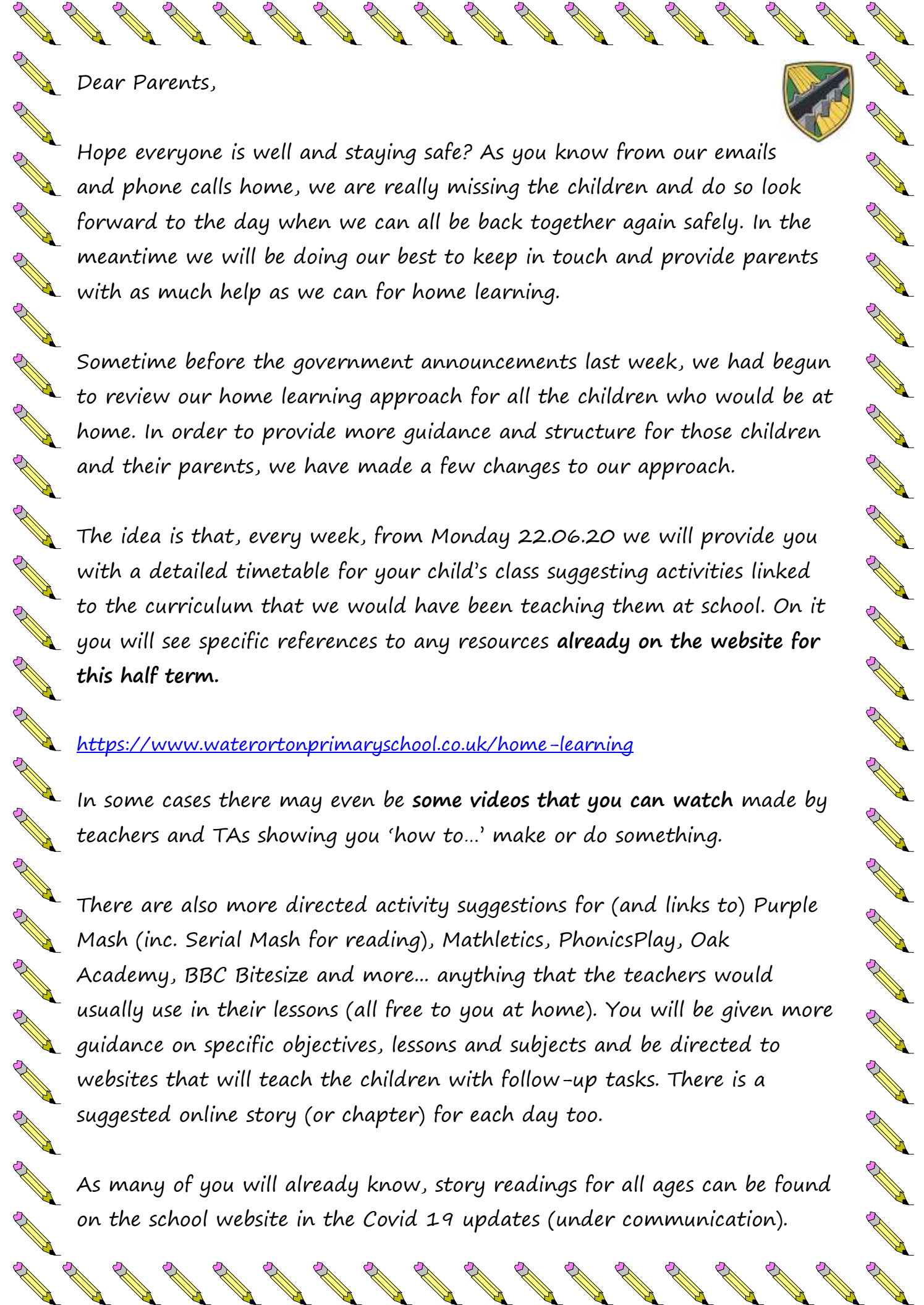




Dear Parents,

Hope everyone is well and staying safe? As you know from our emails and phone calls home, we are really missing the children and do so look forward to the day when we can all be back together again safely. In the meantime we will be doing our best to keep in touch and provide parents with as much help as we can for home learning.

Sometime before the government announcements last week, we had begun to review our home learning approach for all the children who would be at home. In order to provide more guidance and structure for those children and their parents, we have made a few changes to our approach.

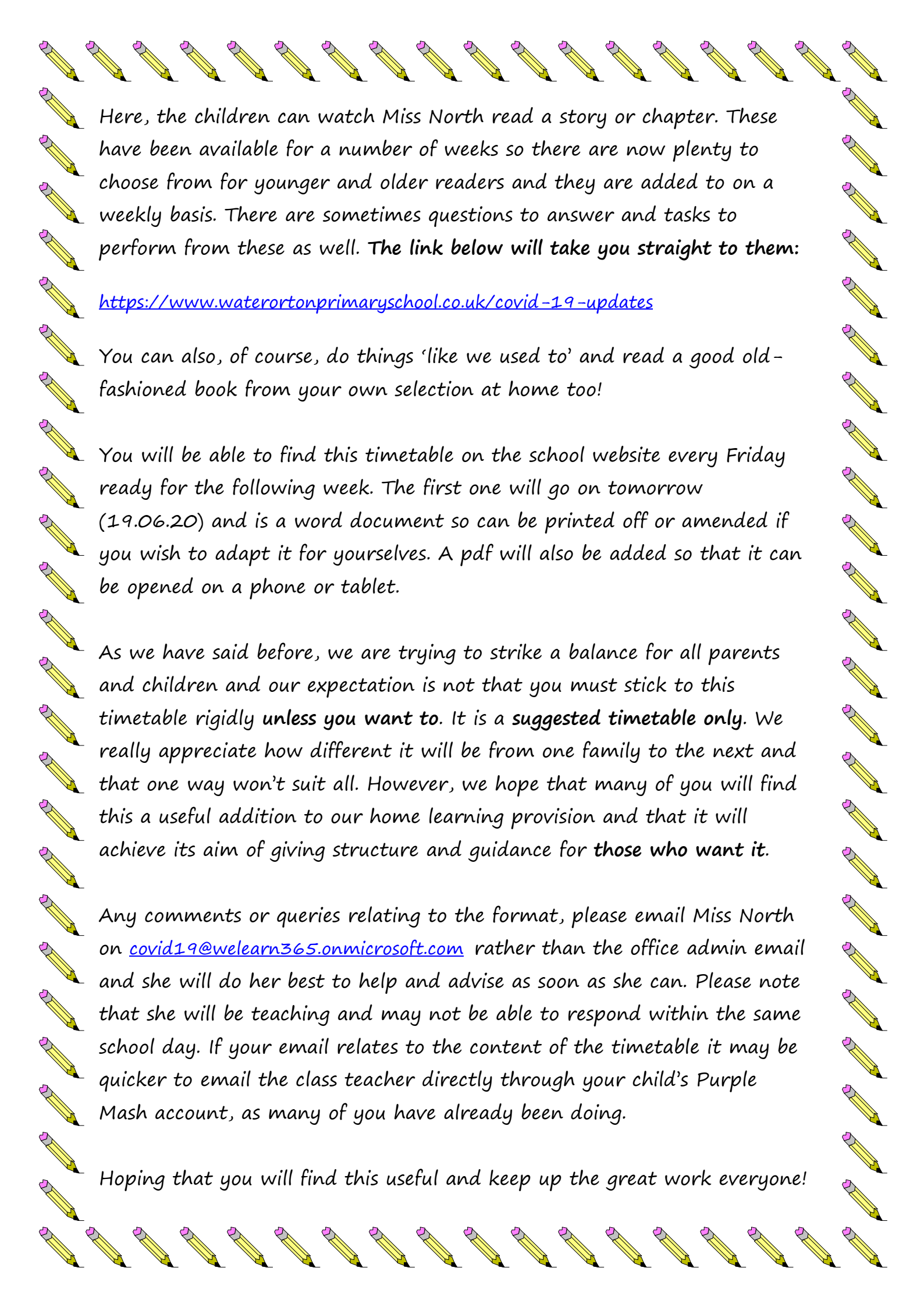
The idea is that, every week, from Monday 22.06.20 we will provide you with a detailed timetable for your child's class suggesting activities linked to the curriculum that we would have been teaching them at school. On it you will see specific references to any resources **already on the website for this half term.**

<https://www.waterortonprimaryschool.co.uk/home-learning>

In some cases there may even be **some videos that you can watch** made by teachers and TAs showing you 'how to...' make or do something.

There are also more directed activity suggestions for (and links to) Purple Mash (inc. Serial Mash for reading), Mathletics, PhonicsPlay, Oak Academy, BBC Bitesize and more... anything that the teachers would usually use in their lessons (all free to you at home). You will be given more guidance on specific objectives, lessons and subjects and be directed to websites that will teach the children with follow-up tasks. There is a suggested online story (or chapter) for each day too.

As many of you will already know, story readings for all ages can be found on the school website in the Covid 19 updates (under communication).



Here, the children can watch Miss North read a story or chapter. These have been available for a number of weeks so there are now plenty to choose from for younger and older readers and they are added to on a weekly basis. There are sometimes questions to answer and tasks to perform from these as well. The link below will take you straight to them:

<https://www.waterortonprimaryschool.co.uk/covid-19-updates>

You can also, of course, do things 'like we used to' and read a good old-fashioned book from your own selection at home too!

You will be able to find this timetable on the school website every Friday ready for the following week. The first one will go on tomorrow (19.06.20) and is a word document so can be printed off or amended if you wish to adapt it for yourselves. A pdf will also be added so that it can be opened on a phone or tablet.

As we have said before, we are trying to strike a balance for all parents and children and our expectation is not that you must stick to this timetable rigidly **unless you want to**. It is a **suggested timetable only**. We really appreciate how different it will be from one family to the next and that one way won't suit all. However, we hope that many of you will find this a useful addition to our home learning provision and that it will achieve its aim of giving structure and guidance for **those who want it**.

Any comments or queries relating to the format, please email Miss North on covid19@welearn365.onmicrosoft.com rather than the office admin email and she will do her best to help and advise as soon as she can. Please note that she will be teaching and may not be able to respond within the same school day. If your email relates to the content of the timetable it may be quicker to email the class teacher directly through your child's Purple Mash account, as many of you have already been doing.

Hoping that you will find this useful and keep up the great work everyone!