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Dear parents and children,

Welcome to term two, which will look very different to us all. Your teacher has worked hard to get lots of great learning opportunities for you. I encourage you to do some of the learning tasks provided and to keep some routine around the learning in your house. However the routine for your house will be different from everyone else's house. Don't compare your bubbles with anyone else! Everyone's houses and kids are different. We want to support the learning at home with some differentiated activities, such as Athletics or Maths Seed, some reading and writing and some other creative things to do. There will be the opportunity for your child to talk to their teacher (from next week), which is something I would try to make sure is taken up. At the risk of repeating myself, don't put your home under additional stress or pressure over the home learning.

### **Device Safety**

The Ministry of Education has put out some advice around keeping safe online. I have copied the part of the Ministry bulletin and pasted it below. I hope it is helpful.

#### ***Free internet safety filter for parents***

*While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, we have launched [www.switchonsafety.co.nz](http://www.switchonsafety.co.nz) - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.*

*Please share this website with your parent communities so that they can follow the instructions to set up their child's device for safer connectivity while they learn from home. Remember, no technical solution is a silver bullet. Please remind your parent community to complement this with digital citizenship toolkits provided by Netsafe.*

#### **Netsafe**

*Netsafe provides comprehensive support and information to support everyone to stay safe as they work, learn and play online. Netsafe has new and updated resources for parents, whānau and students at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/staying-safe/>*

The staff of Greenhithe School will continue to support the learning and wellbeing of your child for as long as this lasts. There is a chance, even when we come out of level 4, that school will not be back in the normal way. Whatever is thrown at us I know the teachers and staff will ensure the needs of your child are met. I am incredibly proud of the team we have at school.

We are also lucky to be part of a caring and supportive community who are looking out for each other in these testing times. Stay safe and look after yourselves and families.

Kia Kaha

Stephen Grady