Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with details of an exciting new project that we are hoping will help everyone feel connected during these strange and difficult times. We are continuing to think of ways to engage all of our students, families and staff and help people to feel like we are still a community even though we can't be together.

Our fantastic music therapist Neil Eaves will be co-ordinating a weekly virtual assembly video.  This video will be uploaded at the end of each week and will have various staff leading the assembly with recorded contributions from our community.  We would love to share pictures of student's artwork, videos of songs/dances, poems - whatever you feel is appropriate to share based on a weekly topic.

Here’s a message from Neil about this week:

*‘This week, we are looking at the theme of the NHS and rainbows.  We would like to have the following things:*

* *videos of students joining in with the weekly ‘clap’ on a Thursday (if the timing doesn't work for you, feel free to clap at any time and send that into us)*
* *pictures of artwork of rainbows*
* *pictures of NHS staff*
* *anything else that you feel is relatable to this theme, such as poems or songs.*

*Obviously this is our first attempt at such a project so there is an experimental element to it. I will be editing everything so if you could send any pictures, videos etc. into me at* ***eavesn@birchwoodschool.co.uk****, by Thursday, I can then edit the project.  We will share the final video assembly each week through our Parent Portal, new You Tube channel on our website and on FB. Please ensure that everyone who is visible on any photos or videos is happy for their images to be seen.*

*Many Thanks*

*Neil’*

I’m looking forward to seeing the final product and sharing it with you all!

Yours Sincerely,

Rosalind Hopkins