

The challenge

Stay connected poem challenge

Getting in touch with a friend, family member or neighbour gives us an opportunity to stay connected, brighten someone's day and express kindness. It also helps us practise our writing skills.

Your task is to write a poem for a friend, family member or neighbour to help brighten their day. There is a template here for you to write on. If you do not have a printer, then grab a pen and some paper and create your own design, and make it as colourful and exciting as possible! With your family, you can decide whether to post your poem, pop it through their letterbox, email it to the person you have written to, or give them a call and read what you have written out over the phone. You must consider social distancing when sending your poem.

Parents/carers

Safety while your children take part in this activity

While we want children and young people to use their initiative and to be creative with their communication, it is important they follow social distancing guidelines and stay safe.

Safety tips

- Parents/carers should stay engaged and support their children, particularly if taking part online or by phone.
- Think carefully about what is uploaded or shared on social media platforms.
- Keep personal information private and take care not to give away too much identifiable information in photos and videos.
- Make sure you have permission to take and share photos or videos of relatives, friends or neighbours.
- Children and young people should never meet up with anyone they don't know in real life without a parent/ carer present.
- It is important to talk to your child regularly about online safety. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried, pressured, upset or unsafe.



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Children and young people can visit **BBC Own It** or **ChildLine** for advice or support about a wide range of issues.

Parents/carers can visit **Internet Matters** for online safety advice and support.

Before you write a poem, it is important to think about what you will say.

To help get you started watch the video of author Lauren Child and poet Joseph Coelho sharing their top tips for writing great poetry. You will also find model poems in this pack to give you ideas about how to use sound, questions and lists in your poem.

- Your poem can be written on any topic you like - it just needs to be positive and designed to make someone else smile.
- For more ideas take a look at a **collection of poems** all about hope, published by Bloomsbury.
- Don't forget to share your poems with us for a chance to be our Star of the Week.
- Share with them us @PLCommunities and hashtag #PLPrimaryStars or email them in to us at plprimarystars@premierleague.com.

