



Dear Friend

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well in these strange and uncertain times.

Thank you so much for your interest in My Dear New Friend. It is simply about encouraging children to write a letter to a person currently living in a care home.

We did this as a family, sending letters to residents in the care home nearest to us. My own children wrote chatty letters about everyday life. My youngest included drawings of her guinea pigs. Then we posted them. Due to data protection, care homes cannot give out details of residents' names, but we sent our letters addressed to My Dear New Friend, and the care home manager gave them to residents that she thought would most appreciate them.

Yesterday I received the nicest call from the care home saying how much pleasure the letters had given the residents.

I hope, as do my children, that at the end of the coronavirus crisis, they may be able to meet their new friend in person. It would be so wonderful if, despite social distancing, we had all made new friends.

These letters took so little time and gave such enormous pleasure.

If this is something that appeals to you, your children, grandchildren, nephews or nieces, then please do follow the simple steps outlined below. No technology is needed and there is no money involved beyond the price of a stamp.

Best wishes

Alice

“Letter writing is the only device combining solitude with good company.”

— Lord Byron

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