

A Short Story by Riona in Ms Kilgallon's First Class

During the corona virus outbreak a rule of social distancing was made. This means that people must stay apart from each other by 2 - 3 feet. This is a safe distance to be apart. But my mom said that social distancing did not mean social isolation. This means that you can't go near anyone at all and must stay indoors all the time and not meet anyone at any time. But you can talk to people on the phone. My mom said people only have to do this if they get sick with the corona virus.

One day last week when we were looking at news updates for the news, we saw this ad that said old people living at St Lukes Nursing Home in Mahon could not get visitors because of the virus. They were all very lonely because of this. There were 22 of them living in the home, 16 girls and 6 boys. This made me feel very sad so my mom and me decided to draw a picture and write a note to each of them. We drew footballs, rugby balls, hurley and sliotar, icecreams and an owl for the boys and we drew jewellery, magic mirrors, magic genie lamps, cupcakes, ice cream cones and other pictures for the girls. Then we made a card for all of them with a heart on the front of it to let them know we cared for them. We wrote on the card for them all to smile and be happy and we hoped they enjoyed their pictures like they were real. We put them all into a big envelope and when my dad came home from work I asked him to bring it down to the home so they could have them going to bed.

A couple of days ago when we were looking at news updates again St Lukes had put up another ad thanking all the people for their beautiful pictures and letters. They had made everyone at the home smile and happy again and not so lonely anymore.

I am so glad that my pictures and letters made them all smile and that the little part I played made such a difference to the lives of somebody during our lockdown especially Ann, Anne, Bobby, Eileen, Tim, Nancy, Mary, Angela, Kitty, Peter, Bertie, Shiela, Lily, Maggie, Margaret, Helena, Betty, Bridie, Marie, Sheila, Chris and Frances. I hope they look at my pictures every day and keep smiling because we care.