**Suggested school activities and ideas for engaging whole school community in Covid 19 experiences.**

1. **A Graffiti Wall**

Select a prominent space in school – main entrance – a corridor, main hall for example, where students can display anything thar represents some of their experiences whilst in lockdown. This could be actual pieces of work they are proud of, rainbows or photos of things they did. Anything that can be shared in a common place. May even be writing/poems etc describing something.

1. **A Memorial/memory symbol**

Think about how the act of lighting a candle to remember someone or something. You could encourage students to create a symbol – for example a flower or even a rainbow, that can be placed by each child/young person, in a significant place. This could be done rather like a church service – to really give the school community a chance to reflect.

1. **A book in a main area**

A place where children/young people can write a comment that reflects their feelings during lockdown and after.

1. **A communal activity**

An activity that enables the school community to share. For example, it could simply be creating a school song – classes each writing a verse, a school poem, something that could be shared as a whole school.

1. **A school dance or play**

This could be something each class work on – perhaps each expressing a different element of the pandemic – this could be videoed and shared with families – or shown when able.

1. **Create a memory garden**

Students could create a garden. Either to symbolise growth – future – and memories. But, also could be a specific place for them to sit and reflect in the future.

1. **Memory bottle and Time capsule**

Discuss how Covid19 will be remembered and talked about in schools for years to come. They could make individual memory bottles out of paper or even a clay bottle with their memories of COVID19 written inside (this would link nicely to the story ‘Memory bottles’ by Beth Shoshan).

Or the whole school could make a time capsule which could contain things such as:

-children’s memories of the lockdown during COVID19

-photos of things they got up to at home during the lockdown

-articles from newspapers

-details of what it was like in the lockdown – supermarkets, only being allowed for 1 hour of exercise a day, not being allowed to see family outside of our houses etc

-a memory stick containing footage of important speeches made by Boris Johnson, footage of the NHS clapping, photos from the press or empty high streets etc

-details of how the community came together with Rainbows being displayed everywhere, how VE Day was still celebrated with social distancing etc

1. **Covid19 Community Fayre**

Covid19 party like a summer fate/party. (Obs when social distancing is a thing of the past!) Like an old fashioned Barn dance, hay bales, bunting up, stalls from the local community, A day/evening where parents or the community could attend. BBQ going, performance area for local singers or dance group, include community groups like Brownies, WI and local care homes. Maybe unveiling of a piece of art or memorial.

1. **Write your own Haiku**

A Japanese poem of seventeen syllables, in three lines of five, seven, and five, traditionally evoking images of the natural world. A poem in English written in the form of a haiku.

*Even this bad time*

*Will pass and we will survive*

 *Hope is our way-out*