

Why can't I see Nanny and Grandad?



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It must be really strange for you with what's going on.

School has closed...

The streets are quiet...

...and where have nanny and grandad gone?



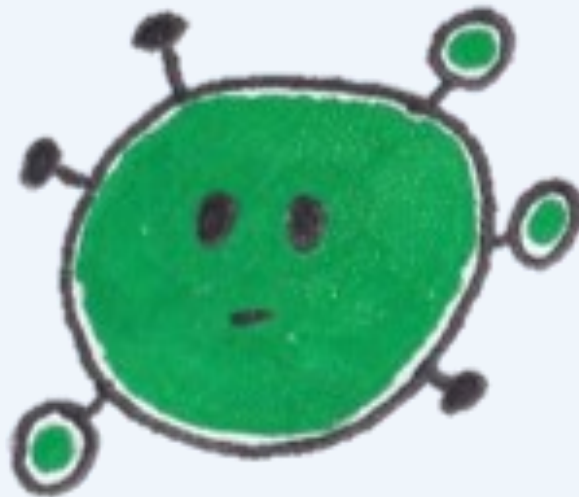


See, there's this bug going around, like a cold or the flu,
That can make us feel hot, and need to cough too.

No need to be worried as you will be fine,
If you do feel poorly you'll be better in no time.

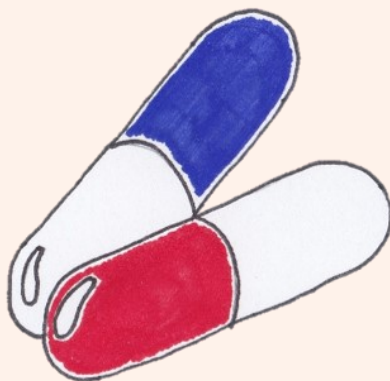


The thing with coronavirus (the name of this bug),
Is it's harder on some of the people we love,
Again, don't be scared as most people get better,
But we need to be careful and all work together.





Nanny and grandad, and others older in age,
Who are kinder and wiser in so many ways,
And people that already have a health condition,
So they see a doctor, or must take medication...





...These are the people that need to take care,
As to them, this bug can be a bit more unfair.
That's why it's important that they stay at home,
Even though they don't want to be tucked up alone.



The bug is sneaky and spreads from person to person,
But there's lots we can do so that things don't worsen.

Like washing our hands to the count of twenty...

And soap - please make sure you use plenty!





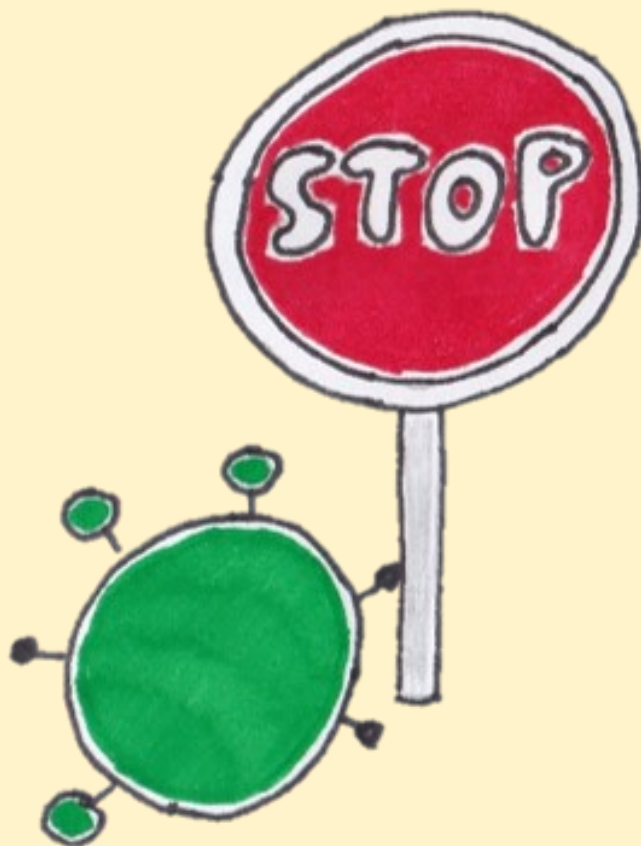
If you cough or sneeze, then do use a tissue.

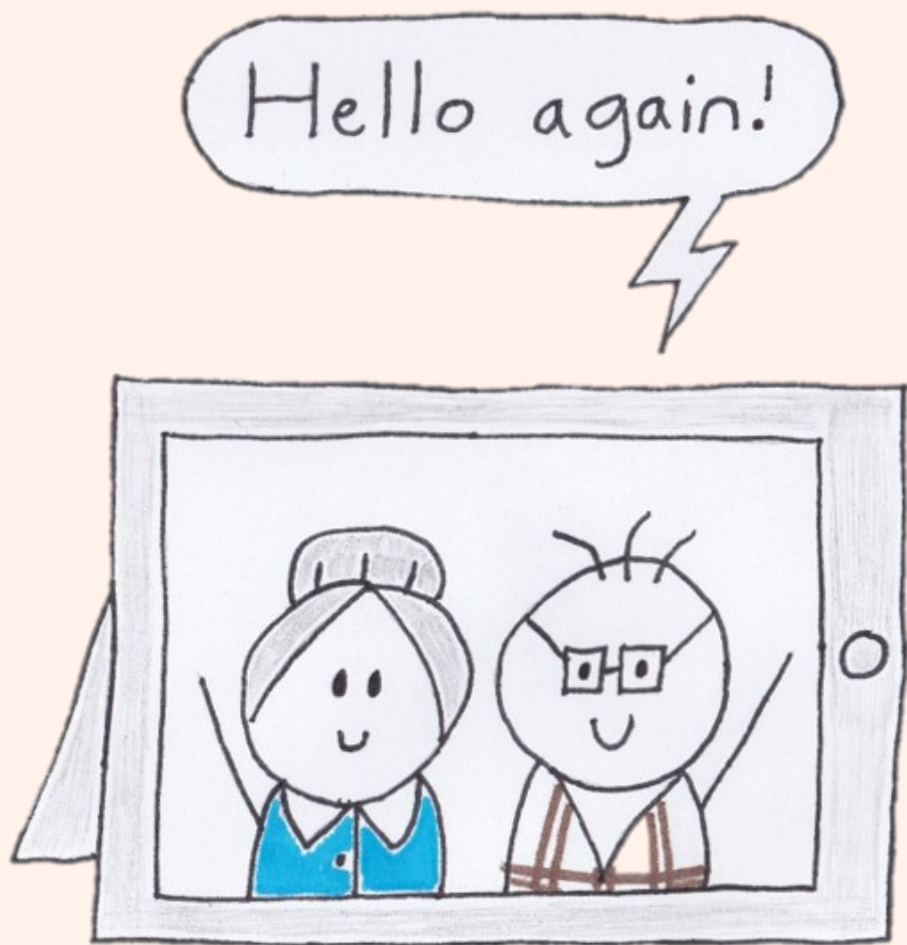
Or catch it in your elbow, and we'll say 'bless you!'

But the best thing to do to stop the bug in its tracks,

Is to stop seeing those that it most affects.

That way we know we can keep them safe,
And stop the bug going from place to place.
This is just for a while, and won't be forever,
So let's look forward to when we're next all together!





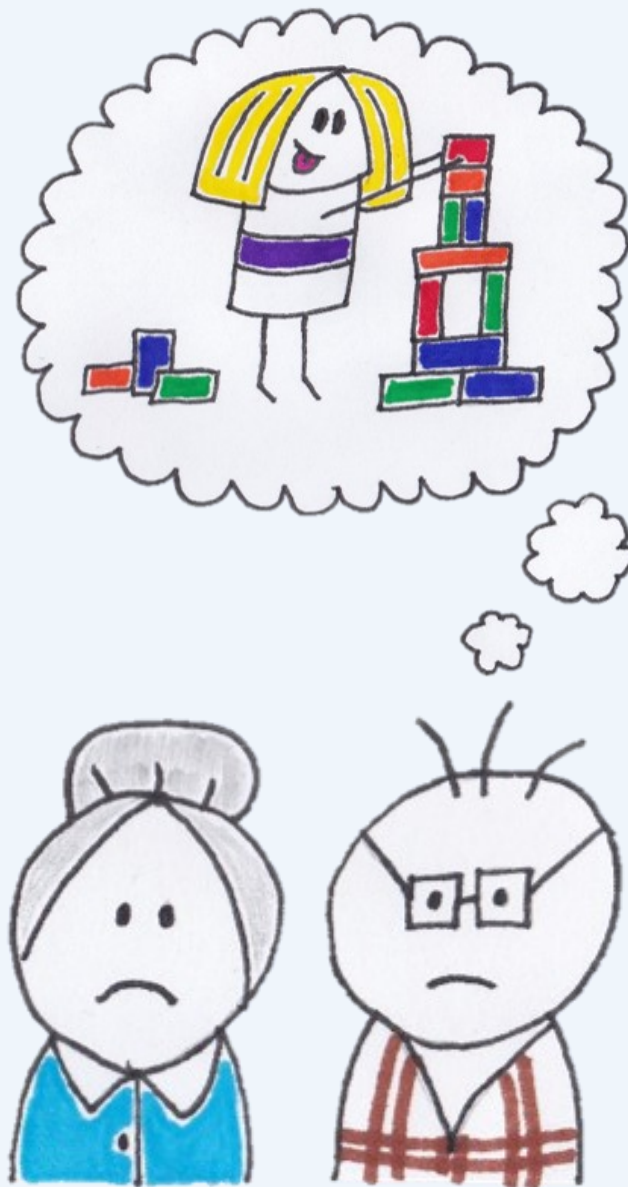
But for now we can catch up in a different way,
We can talk on the phone all about our day,
We can see each other with a video call,
And share our adventures, great and small.

It will be hard that we can't sit together and play,

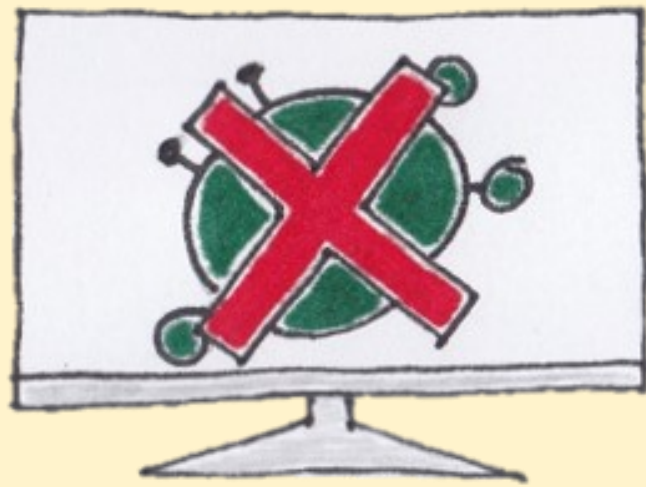
Or hang out as a family in quite the same way.

It makes nanny and grandad really sad too,

The hardest part for them is that they can't see you.



The bug has gone!



They love you very much and will wait for the day,
When we hear on TV that the bug has gone away.

But for now, let's keep doing all that we can,

So remember...

**KEEP WASHING
THOSE HANDS!**

