

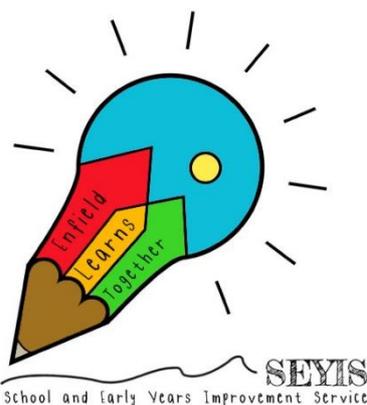
The Corona Collection

A conversation

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Visions of the future - 'Just supposing' by Cheryl Moskowitz

This poem was written by the poet Cheryl Moskowitz as a starting point for conversations she has been having with people during the lockdown.

Click the link below to see Cheryl reading her poem

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It is a strange and difficult time we are all having at the moment in this age of Covid-19. Schools are closed, cinemas are closed, some parks are even closed. Everywhere is on lockdown and most people are not able to visit their friends or members of their family that they don't live with. None of us can do all that we usually do or go where we want at the moment. So, this is the question I keep asking myself. I am curious to ask you too....

Just Supposing...

you woke up tomorrow
and there weren't all these rules
like: YOU HAVE TO STAY HOME!
and: YOU CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL!
And whatever you wished for,
where to go, what to do,
who to be with, how many –
was all up to you.
Where would it be,
doing what, and with whom?
Would you go to the park
or fly up to the moon?
You could go on a picnic
or stay in your room.
If you woke up tomorrow,
restrictions all lifted –
what kind of a world
would you want to be gifted?

Now reflect on some of the questions posed in the poem...



What do I miss?

What do I wish?

What do I want?

Here are some ideas from some other people.

I've missed playing
in the park with
my friends.

I want to go on
holiday.

I've missed being
at school and
talking to my
teachers.

I wish I could see
my grandma.

This poem makes
me think about
parties, ice-cream,
magic, space...

Use this space to jot down some of your thoughts and ideas about what lockdown has been like for you and what you are looking forward to in the future.

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Visions of the future - A little more inspiration

On the pages below are some other poems you might use to give you some inspiration. Use the links to hear Cheryl Moskowitz reading them.

J'Ziah's Manifesto For The New World

Say there's a new world
when this one has vanished
the virus all finished
lockdown abolished.

I'm gonna make certain
the Earth keeps on turning
and all of the children
get on with their learning.

We'll have to make changes
things can't stay the same
so hold on to your dreams
that's the name of the game.

When Covid-19 is
not here to plague us
we should be allowed
to go to Las Vegas

and visit the places
where relatives are
like Boston and Kenya
and Nigeria!

Too many have suffered
it's sad but it's true
though the sun is still shining
and the sky is still blue.

Say there's a new world
when we've conquered this thing
we'll run, and we'll play
and we'll dance, and we'll sing!



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Back To Pen And Paper

I'm trying to keep in touch with my friends
by writing letters and posting them.
It's better for me than talking online
this way I can be with them all of the time
so even when they go off screen
they're still right here if you get what I mean.
Of course, I miss us being together
but I hope that doesn't have to be forever
I like taking the time to write beautifully
using colours and shapes and calligraphy
I keep my friends' letters close to my heart
which is much much closer than two metres apart.
And one day when Covid-19 is forgotten
I'll still have all the letters you've written.

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Some families planned to go away for the Easter holidays but their trips were cancelled because of the coronavirus.

Charlie, the boy in this poem, said he didn't mind not being able to go anywhere right now, but he could think of lots of places he might like to visit one day, somehow...

If I Could Go Anywhere?

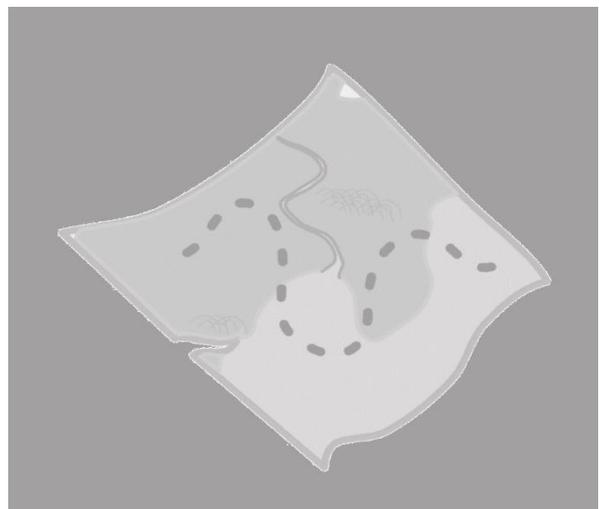
I'd start in the park right here with my friends
then maybe Australia and the Mediterranean
perhaps then to Italy, and Colorado too
to see bears at Yellowstone (not in a zoo!)

I'd go in a boat and not on a plane
I'd travel by bicycle, bus or train
we need more lanes for skates and scooters
better public transport for all the commuters

There are good things about not going anywhere
there's already less pollution and much cleaner air
in a short amount of time there is lots lots less
instead of school right now we can learn from this

When this is all over, what will I miss?
the quiet, the calm, the lack of busyness
the books, the conversations, the stories in my head
travelling in my dreams while staying in bed!

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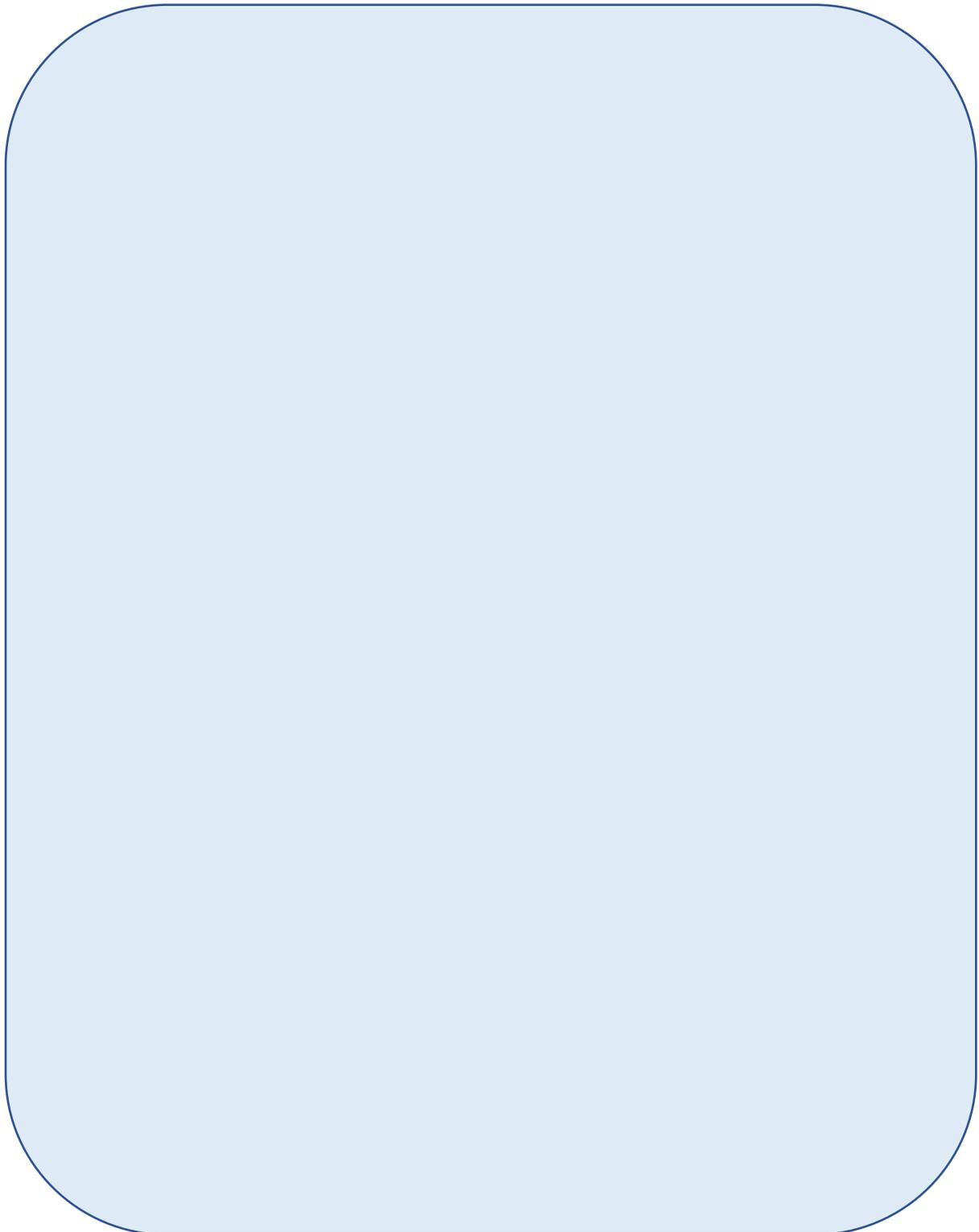
Sharon's Sky At Night

Pink moon, Flower moon, Supermoon
Evening star, Earth's sister, Venus
Bull Hunter, jewel of Heaven, Orion
Great Bear, Big Dipper, Ursa Major
North Star, guiding light, Polaris
Brightest star, Dog Star, Sirius
Crouching Lion, spring bringer, Leo
Falling star, wishing star, new hope

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Visions of the future – your vision

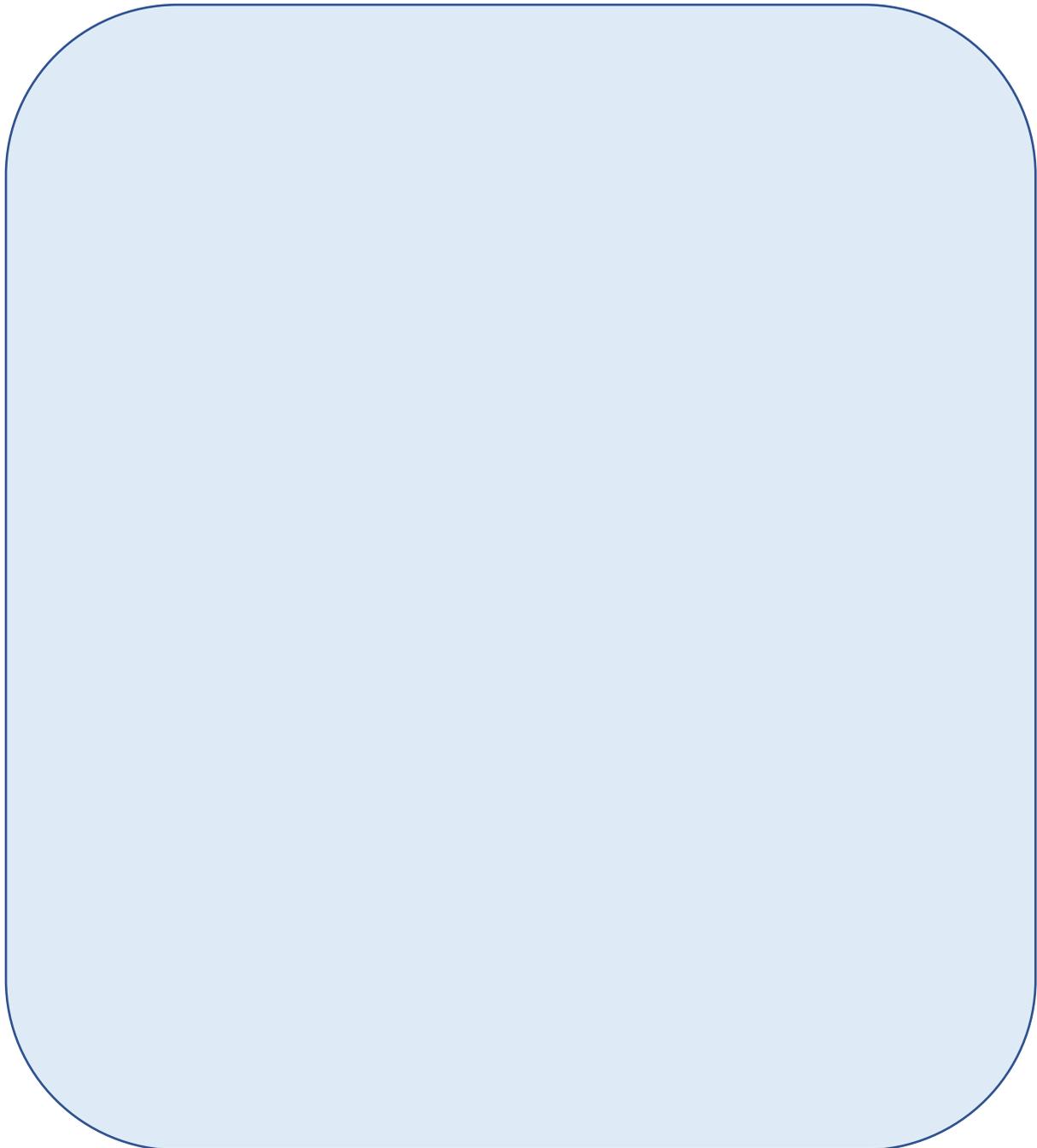
What is your vision of the future? Would you make new rules? What changes would you make? Use the space below to jot down your ideas.

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Visions of the future – your vision

Now listen to the poems again and then create your own poem sharing your vision of the future.

Remember that you can look at the ‘Corona Collection’ and at the poems in the pack to help you think about the shape and style of your poem, but the most important thing is to share your vision.

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Visions of the future – Cocoon

A cocoon is a pouch where caterpillars transform into butterflies. It is also called a chrysalis. Click here to see some images of cocoons.

A cocoon is also a metaphor for a safe place for us to transform or change.

In Cheryl's poem 'Cocoon', she asks us to think about how we might change.

Cocoon

Caterpillar-like
Contained in a chrysalis
Metamorphosing

Transforming ourselves
Soon to be spreading our wings
Like a butterfly



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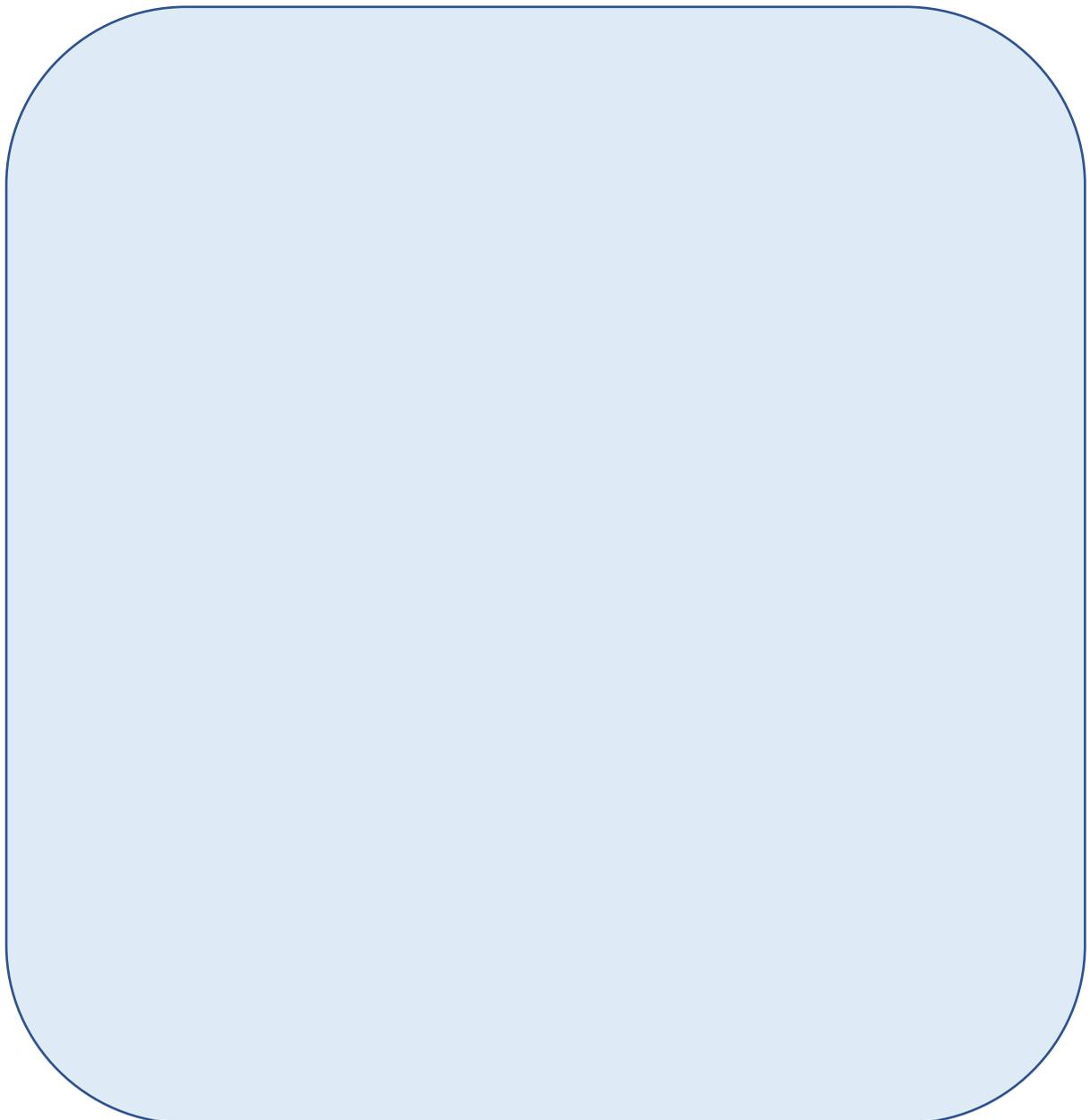
Visions of the future – Cocoon – your vision

Now reflect on some of the questions posed in the poem...

What is going to change for me as I move forward?

How do I feel about that?

Use the space below to jot down your ideas.

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Sharing your poems with us... and seeing the poems of others

Year 6 pupils across Enfield will be using this collection of poems to create poetry of their own and we would like you to share your poems with us and those other Year 6 children to create our own online Enfield Learns Together Poetry Collection.

If you would like to share with us please register by clicking on the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yaxrd4km>

Once you have completed the entry form you will be sent an email address to send your files to.

