



The Cathedral School Newsletter

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the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Friday 20th March 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19): latest information and advice [Click Here](#)

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents

We are all going to miss the normal school life over the next few weeks and we recognise how difficult it is to achieve normality and sustain home learning for parents. It is not a holiday and with restrictions to reduce the spread of the virus, there is a huge pressure on home resources.

We will do our best to support you with home learning resources. Initially we are sending out work for the next two weeks that will provide your child with a minimum of three tasks a day. These will be for most subject areas and have been designed to be manageable. Today every child will have brought an exercise book home to complete the tasks in. Information on the curriculum is inside the books. Year 6 have a set of Revision Books. If your child is not in school, these can be collected on Monday from the school office. The links for the learning are all on the school's website on the Class pages. Our younger pupils have access to Tapestry where you will find their work.

Not all suggested learning is core subjects and I would ask you to consider a balance and draw up a timetable with your child establishing a routine for learning that can be sustained. A template has been sent home or will be available from the office if required.

Then use the less academic/less formal, but equally important learning ideas to balance the day.

Work can be done without your child accessing a computer. We appreciate that in the home, work computers must be prioritised for adults, but I would urge you to check the task and set them and perhaps set a small amount of time for child to do a task on Purple Mash for example.

The children of Key workers will be following the same curriculum at school, but have the opportunity for more group sessions for example in PE and Music.

There will be regular updates, probably weekly, if the current arrangements have to continue for any length of time. If the Year 6 books are used carefully they will add to our bank of knowledge to support assessment to achieve fair outcomes in teacher assessment. Please help by signing next to individual questions to show where you have supported your child in case we need them for this purpose.

We are organising the school staff to try and ensure a lengthy period of being open. We will sustain our service as long as it is possible and we will provide help as best we can to all parents answering emails as soon as we can.

With humour, I would suggest that you are joining the staff of The Cathedral School and I therefore have an equal concern for your well-being as well as your children!

If the moment is stressful, making sure your child is safe, walk away or take a mental break
Return with persistence and determination to something after a break, delaying but always ensuring it is done
Remember to read, ask questions and talk to your child
Practice mindfulness
Above all pray

We are a school built on prayer; the knowledge that God is in all joy and adversity gives us hope, and a sense of peace.

I am grateful to the whole staff for the expertise and teamwork that has allowed us to respond so quickly to the daily announcements. We will hope and pray that we are able to resume our normal school life as soon as possible and that everyone will remain safe.

With kind regards.

Linda Wiskin



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A prayer for all those affected by Coronavirus

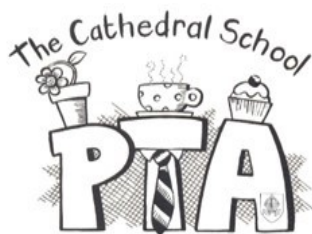
Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Just Giving

Our sincere condolences to the Dyas family on the loss of a their wonderful father and husband.
The school staff would like to contribute by making a gift in memory of Steve Dyas.
The link is provided below should you wish to join us.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/steve-dyas?utm_id=33&utm_term=3BWR5y5NA

PTA



Just a quick message from the PTA to say a massive thank you to everyone that has help and supported us and the school throughout this year. We shall keep you posted on all future events and we look forward to getting everything rescheduled once the school reopens.

With regards to Yr6 hoodies and yearbooks if you still need to hand in information please can you do so to the PTA email address pta@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk alternatively contact Annarella Prime. The hoodies are being ordered and the yearbooks are being put together, however, please can anyone from EYFS let us know if they are not happy for their child's photo to be with their buddy in the yearbook.

Please take care, best wishes to all and once again thank you for your support to our school.

Much Love,

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