

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and managed to enjoy the Easter break.

A new term has started and you will have begun to access school work and support your child to complete it. We understand that this is a challenging task and want to support you and your child to complete the work but also to maintain a healthy balance to each day.

To support you we will be producing a weekly bulletin with tips to support home learning but also information about other important factors like well-being and e safety. We also want to keep the strong link between school and home and keep you up to date with what we are doing as a school community. The first one is attached and I have also included information that I hope you find useful. The link is to a short video looking at how to establish a routine.

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/videos/EEF_Supporting_daily_routines_during_school_closures.mp4

During the holiday we celebrated Easter, the most important festival for Christians. Our Chaplain, Rachel, continues to add prayers each day to Facebook and many parishes are streaming services and other liturgies on line, including St Joseph's. Being able to continue to a part of a church community has been helping me find some peace and comfort through this challenging time. All are welcome to join in wherever you are in your faith journey.

I and the rest of the staff do miss being in school and being with the young people. The joy of working in a school is the young people who make us smile and laugh each day. I do hope you are managing to enjoy spending more time with your family. This is a historic time and your children will tell tales in the future about how they spent the lock down. Let's work together to make it full of good memories whilst acknowledging that it is also fairly stressful for us all.

Kind regards

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