



*We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together*

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Dear parents and carers

I hope that it has been a fruitful week of learning for your child(ren) whether at home or in school. I have enjoyed sending emails this week with virtual Headteacher's Awards. I am sure that there will be more next week too.

This week we used an online platform to link up the bubbles across the school for Assembly. A recording of the assembly is included in this week's Vlog in order that all children can feel connected through it. I do hope you enjoy watching it. It can be accessed here:

<https://youtu.be/tNxO16O6b4o>

I had hoped to be able to write today with further details of what the plans are for September; however, we are still awaiting government advice. Nevertheless, we are still expecting to be fully open for all pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

A number of families have asked if there will be any school provision over the summer period for Key Workers. You will be aware that due to the good will of our staff, we managed to remain open throughout both the Easter holidays and May Half-Term. Staff have volunteered to work during this period and the school has borne the costs of running the building (including the additional cleaning and utilities required) during this period without recourse to any additional funding. As such this will not be sustainable over the Summer. By this period, parents will be able to draw upon other paid for childcare facilities locally, and, as such, it is expected that Key Workers will not need to use the school in the same way.

Over the summer period, as well as taking a well-earned break, school staff will be busily planning a suitable curriculum that will enable pupils to engage effectively with their learning, recovering some of the ground that has been lost due to lockdown. This will be a significant planning task for them. The school will also be without a water supply for a period of time over the Summer as the work to complete the refurbishment of the water heating system nears its conclusion; as such the building can not be occupied at this time.

There will be much work needed to get the school ready to safely receive all pupils in each year group. **As such we are planning to bring forward the end of term by one day to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.** This will enable the staff in school to have two days before they start their summer break (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July) to 'put the school back together' in order to accommodate 30 children in each class. This time will also be used to pass on essential transition information about children moving between classes and to plan in year groups to tackle the learning that will have been missed this year.

**Please note, therefore, that the last day of term for pupils (including Key Workers) will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**



I will of course share with you more detailed information about September as soon as I am able to.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your child's learning and to support our community during this time. It has been lovely to hear about all of the wonderful things that families have been engaging with during this time. Please do keep sending images for Mrs Sherry to share in the Pupil Post. Thank you also for how you have all embraced the 'new way' – we have such a wonderful community to be proud of!

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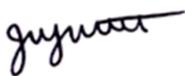
**We pray to God who some call Mystery,  
beyond all definition, that  
When in the midst of uncertainty  
– may we know faith.  
When in the midst of anxiety  
– may we know serenity.  
When in the midst of stress  
– may we know calm.  
When in the midst of fear  
– may we know trust.  
When in the midst of bewilderment  
– may we know assurance.  
When in the midst of confusion  
– may we know confidence.  
When in the midst of pandemic  
– may we know peace.  
When in the midst of whatever  
– may we know love.**

*Rev. John Wesley Oldham from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada*

 World Council  
of Churches

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#PrayAtHome**

May God bless you and those most dear to you.



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