

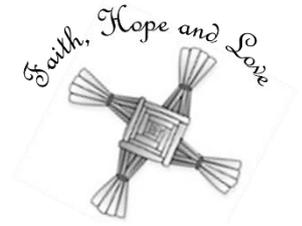


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"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Luke 10:27

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today marks the end of just over two weeks of school being partially open or "clopren" as it is sometimes referred to. To be honest it feels longer, but that is only to be expected. I am sure like all of you, our expected plans and normal routines changed overnight. School has adapted as quickly as possible with most of our students now learning at home online. In line with the message from the government, many pupils who have places in school have also chosen to stay home whenever possible and this has taken some of the pressure off school. Last week school was roughly 30% full each day, which has reduced the risk of spreading the virus.

In the last newsletter I mentioned we have established a notice board recording some of the sincere thanks from the parents that the teachers have received. It is now full, but we are happy to receive more! Thank you for your messages of support, which have been very much appreciated by all of the staff. Our school staffing has not been significantly affected by the virus. Last week we had 2 staff shielding and 4 staff isolating. If the situation changes significantly for any year group we will provide cover and will also let you know.

Online learning

During the first week our focus was getting the learning started, ensuring that pupils had access through logins and sharing out some of the technology we had in school to families. So far, we have shared out 10 iPads to enable access to online learning. To date we have received 4 additional laptops from the government. We are also grateful for other donations that we have received. One of our parents has kindly donated two laptops which we have re-purposed for use in school and a charity connected to St. Bridget's Church has made a significant contribution to support buying some new iPads.

Our approach to online learning

In the past few months there have been a number of reviews of the most effective ways of online learning for schools. I have shared the link to the recent Ofsted review published January 11th [Link to Ofsted Review](#). As a school we have reviewed other research from the Education Endowment Trust and some leading educational thinkers. As a result, we are keeping our online provision under constant review and are looking to develop it where it will make differences to children's learning. In theory online learning should



be straight forward, but problems of not enough devices, weak broadband, parents job needs or combinations of all of these demands in larger households constantly present significant challenges. Hopefully we are now all closer to finding working routines and structures that support family life and learning. The reality for many of us is that it is a daily juggle.

This week we have been reviewing our live lesson sessions for KS1 and KS2. We have started to add new assembly content from Rev Alex and Mr Conroy has shared one of his active PE challenges.

Chester Zoo are starting their live sessions again -Here's the link: <https://youtube.com/c/chesterzoo>

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Your sincerely,

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