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Dear Parents and Carers

Usually at this point we would be entering Holy Week as a whole school celebrating Easter Mass together, enjoying the end of term coffee morning, listening to the children sing and year 5 performing the Easter story. We would all be looking forward to the Easter Holidays. This will be a very different Easter.

I know that many of you have been faced with challenges in trying to juggle home learning and work commitments. However, I just wanted to thank you because the feedback I have received from the teachers is that you are doing a great job and should be proud of the new ways in which you are working with your children and keeping in touch. Please remember though we totally understand that you and your children will be feeling anxious and overwhelmed at the moment and we do not want home learning to be an additional pressure. For many children the honeymoon period of being trapped at home and unable to see friends may be fading. We must not forget that this is a frightening and uncertain time for so many children. In the coming weeks you may see changes in your child's behaviour and this is normal and expected under the circumstances. What they need is to feel loved and comforted. Enjoy this time to play board games, read together,



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Star of the Week will be back!

Teachers will be choosing a star each week and will select the best photo or piece of work to display in a reward post so watch this space.



Live streaming Mass over Holy Week

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon to livestream Holy Week and Easter Services from Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, is to livestream the Holy Week and Easter Services from the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. The Services mark the most important time of the Christian year when the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus are commemorated.

bake a cake, watch a movie together, paint draw and sing. Don't try and entertain your child at all times; it is also good for children to be bored at times giving them the opportunity to use their imagination.

Please don't worry about them regressing at school. Remember all children will be in the same boat and they will be alright. When they are back in the classroom their teachers will work hard to meet their needs. They are expert at this.

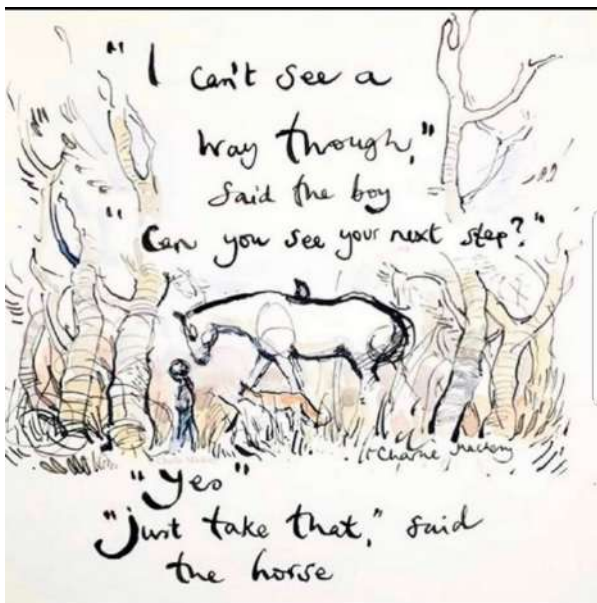
My final thought is this; your child's mental health and well-being will be more important than academic skills. How they felt during this time will stay with them forever.

The children's emails to me have been so uplifting so please encourage your child to share what they have been doing

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After Easter, our teachers will be in contact with pupils and will call them just to see how they are doing.

Look after yourselves and stay safe. God Bless Mrs Newton



The stream can be accessed from the Metropolitan Cathedral's website at: www.liverpoolmetrochurch.org.uk

The Archbishop says, 'This year our Holy Week devotions will have to be different as we rightly respect government restrictions. We cannot physically gather as a worshipping community, but livestreaming gives us the opportunity to join together spiritually in sincere prayer and devotion as we commemorate the passion, death and glorious resurrection of the Lord.'

Services will be streamed as follows:

Palm Sunday	5 April	11.00 am	Mass
Holy Thursday	9 April	7.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	10 April	3.00 pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	11 April	8.00 pm	The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday	12 April	11.00 am	Mass

Online Safety DFE Updates

Update 1st April

Guidance for parents and carers: keeping children safe online.

The DfE have updated information for parents and carers to include a section on keeping children safe online. It provides links to online resources that will help support parents and carers in keeping their children safe online.

Full details can be found in section 6.3 of the guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Supporting Children's Mental Health DFE Update

Home Learning Update

I am thankful for the staff at XII Apostles - they have been truly amazing in what has been quite an interesting journey. They are working in ways they have never worked before, giving things a try and most importantly trying to do what is best for the children in their classes. They all remain so positive and we are all praying that the pause button will be released as soon as possible. Mrs Whitton has posted a message to parents on the whole school Dojo page with the home learning arrangements over the Easter break. Children have been asked to complete a research project based on a topic from their year group's curriculum. They have also been provided with suggestions of other fun and creative activities to keep them busy during this time.

Children can message their teachers and send them photographs via Dojo. Mrs Yates has put instructions for how to do this on the whole-school page. There will also be a Display Board created for each class on Purple Mash, so look out for your child's work showcased on them.

We will continue to keep you updated via the whole school Dojo page so please keep checking it over the next few weeks. If you are not connected to Class Dojo, please contact school and Mrs Whitton will send you a joining code.

Update 30th March

This gives information on supporting children in different age groups

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

Mrs McDonald and Miss Grundy are in the process of applying for this scheme for those that are entitled to Free School meals. Please note that this does not include the universal free meal entitlement for our infant children. The application processes is lengthy and time consuming and the office staff have to check the details, email addresses of all those entitled so we ask you to be patient. Originally the Government said this scheme would be up and running after the Easter holiday break, however the latest announcement has said this might be earlier. As you can appreciate a large percentage of schools will be applying slowing the process. In the meantime we are still offering FSM that can be ordered through Evolve and collected from school each day.

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