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## Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed your first week of learning with your children at home. We have had some very kind messages from parents thanking the staff members who have been able to come into work this week. Whilst we know it is vital that our Key Workers have child care, our staff members also have their own children and family members that they must provide care for and I would like to thank them all for their efforts this week. Whilst we endeavour to keep the school open, I would urge any parent who is able to care for their children at home to do so, as this will help to reduce the risk of infection for our staff team.

One of the things I have missed most over the last couple of weeks is not seeing the children for collective worship at the end of each day. This is a time when we all gather together and we pause to consider 'bigger' questions and explore our own beliefs. As I am unable to share these thoughts in assembly, I thought I might share them with you here.

Yesterday I received an email regarding my online shopping and it suggested I order extra items for neighbours who may be in self isolation. It is at this difficult time when we should be thinking about our neighbours and how we might help them. The bible often reminds us to be a good neighbour, but what does that look like? You could ask your child to draw a picture of a 'good neighbour' and discuss with them the qualities and characteristics a good neighbour has. How can we be good neighbours to each other?

I'm hoping you have all found the work on the website and the videos on our YouTube channel helpful in supporting your child's home learning. Whilst our 'screens' have become incredibly useful at this time I would remind parents to be ever vigilant when your children are online. The following link has some useful tips on parental controls and online safety. <https://parentinfo.org/article/what-are-parental-controls-and-how-can-they-help-children-stay-safe-online>

Wishing you all a healthy and restful weekend,

Jo Iwanicki

Head of School

**Matthew 7:12** "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."



# Home Learning



Thank you for all your wonderful work.

