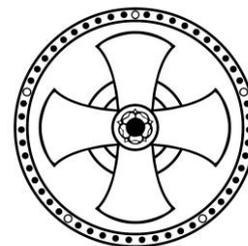




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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Welfare Check

I hope that the week has been kind to you all and that you're doing alright.

You'll have heard news this week from central Government over the timescales of the lockdown and how these conditions may continue for some time. There is increasing pressure on schools to reopen and, as I outlined on Monday, we are looking to what happens in other countries to see how this might work. Some are talking of 'phased returns' and others about 'widening provision' but for us at our Lady of Lourdes, one thing is crystal clear: we must not return to normal schooling until it is absolutely safe to do so. This means being able to continue with social distancing measures and ensuring the safety of our community by making sure school is cleaned to eradicate any risk of Covid-19.

What this means for families of course, is the continuation of home schooling. On Monday I outlined how this might work going forward with a slight change of focus to just reading, writing and maths. I've since had conversations with parents and carers around the different approaches that are being taken by families to cope. There are honestly as many examples as there are families in our school. This is to be welcomed, I think. There is no right or wrong way to approach this challenge, and each of us must do what we feel is most appropriate for our own children within the context that we find ourselves. Academic gaps can be closed. Emotional gaps are much harder to fill: so please don't worry if you're doing something different to another family. One thing we have an abundance of at the moment is time. Please do use what we've provided for you and the timetables and hyperlinks in whatever way you wish in order to best serve your children. Alternatively, feel free to move away from this model if it is unhelpful. As parents, we're the first educators of our children; so take the opportunity to walk, talk and support each other in this time.

I'll be in touch early next week with an assembly for the children to watch. Until then, have a good weekend.

Take care, everyone.

Kind regards,

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