



# Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

As the days pass the realisation that we all have to live in a new way is becoming more apparent. It is wonderful to receive regular updates from you on how the children are doing and we also appreciate the affirming messages we are receiving. Thank you so much.

As you know, work is being posted on our school website for our pupils. Please remember that there is no expectation that you should "home school" - we are going through an unprecedented time which has led us to a "distance learning" situation. We are all learning to adjust to this and if you decide that your child is not going to engage with the work set by school and is going to spend time baking, playing board games or learning new skills then we understand. Nobody is expected to do every task - you may have days when the children do no school work and other days when they catch up and we understand that too! We may be in this situation for a while and therefore we do ask you to keep practising the essential skills of learning. Please try to ensure that your child reads every day-it doesn't have to be their school reading book; they can read comics, online books, favourite stories, annuals etc. All will be worthwhile. It will also be helpful if they write regularly- they could keep a diary or blog, make a comic, write instructions etc. For their maths work the children have their MyMaths, Numbots and TimesTablesRockStars log ins. They might also like to do some practical maths by following a recipe. It is also important that everyone has physical activity - it is recommended that children should have at least one hour of exercise every day.

As this would have been our last week in school before Easter we would like to encourage you to complete some of the activities we would have normally done. Today we would have celebrated the Stations of the Cross and suggest that you talk to your child about Jesus's last days and make a cross together from household items. Please send a photo of any you make so that we can share them on Twitter. The children may enjoy looking at this version of the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bs5Z8TAVoGg>

Usually this week we would have had our Easter Egg Decoration and Easter Bonnet competitions. Please keep up this tradition and then send us photos of your creations. We will upload these to Twitter on Friday in lieu of our usual "parade."

The most important thing we can do at the moment is look after each other and try to stay resilient and mentally strong. Please do not let school work and pressure to complete tasks be another stress in your life. Our lives have changed so dramatically and your love and support for each other is what matters most. If you are concerned about anyone, please contact us if we can help in any way. We have a new, confidential email address for receiving welfare concerns that you may have: [familysupport@olqoprprimary.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@olqoprprimary.org.uk) Please do not hesitate to message us if you are worried.



As well as links we have previously sent you to websites that will give advice and support, I would also like to draw your attention to The Road Centre, ([www.TheRoadCentre.co.uk](http://www.TheRoadCentre.co.uk)) Staff from the centre provide counselling to our children in school and they are available for children or adults who may need specialist support at this time.

For advice on how to keep safe I recommend visiting [www.Childline.org.uk](http://www.Childline.org.uk) ; <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> ; <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> ; <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> ; <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> ; <https://www.internetmatters.org/> and <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

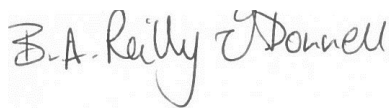
We have also posted some advice to adults who are victims on our school website here:

<http://olgoprprimary.org.uk/news.htm>

You can now sign up to receive updates from GOV.UK regarding the Government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19). Sign up is free and means you will be alerted when information is published. Sign up here: <https://www.gov.uk/email-signup?link=/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Finally, please remember that we are seeing the best in human nature at the moment, where people from all walks of life are supporting each other in remarkable ways and we thank you once again for your encouragement for our work. Please know that we are here to serve you and are willing to help in any way we can.

With kind regards,



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