

Headteacher's Blog May 2020

Lockdown Week 7

I hope you all managed to safely enjoy the VE day celebrations and stay at home bank holiday.

Preparing for Reopening

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been working with the Diocese and Local Authority on planning a wider return of pupils to school. I'm sure, like me, you have questions and concerns, but also hopes that we can have a safe return to classroom teaching. All schools have had opportunities to share questions and concerns with the Department for Education, as well as Church Schools liaising with their own Diocesan Education Boards, who in turn liaise nationally.

I will be working with the *Governors* and *Staff* in preparing a range of risk assessments, including: premises; health and safety; safeguarding; staffing; wellbeing; transport; Y6 transition and curriculum arrangements. These assessments will help create a 'Recovery Plan' to guide the safest possible return in the current circumstances. Whatever the *Government* arrangements are, we will be able to adapt to local needs and circumstances, including taking parental views into account.

We don't know the timescale of a return, as yet, and await the *Government* update later today.

Home Schooling

Huge thanks for your ongoing efforts and it has been lovely to see the work and photographs that have been shared. Small chunks of work seem to work best for us in school at the moment, with a choice of reward time activities and plenty of hands-on play and physical activity.

Take care and stay safe!

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