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Dear Parent / Carer

I really do hope that you all managed to enjoy Easter. For many of us it will have been the strangest Easter that we have ever experienced, with no chance to celebrate it with friends and family or being able to go to church during Holy Week. Watching the masses streamed from Liverpool Cathedral during Holy Week instead of attending a church service was a surreal experience, but at least we could see and hear Archbishop Malcolm's messages of love and hope.

As you will have seen on the news yesterday, the lockdown will continue for at least another three weeks and school will remain closed for all pupils (apart from children of key workers and children with certain needs).

However, at least the decision to open schools as one of the first measures after lockdown is now being discussed. Therefore, I sincerely hope that it is not too much longer before I will be able to inform you that school is open again.

In the meantime, teachers will continue to set work from Monday 20 April 2020 and hopefully all pupils will get back into the routine quickly. Remember to break the day up by encouraging your son or daughter to do an exercise program, perhaps baking something or watching one of the films which the MFL Department have recommended. It is really important to add some variety to the days to keep them interesting.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our amazing staff who have designed, cut, cleaned and assembled over 2,000 visors for NHS staff over the Easter period. Our NHS staff are at the forefront of the national fight against this horrible virus and are heroes, every one of them. To be able to help in the supplying of visors for them has been an absolute privilege. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking Mrs Morris, Mrs Burke, Mrs Golba, Mr Taylor, Mr Macduff, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Lennon, Mrs Lomas, Mrs Leonard, Miss Hampson, Mrs Roche and Mrs Jones for their magnificent efforts. They have worked tirelessly and shows their absolute determination to make a difference to other people. Also, thank you to our site management team who ensured that school remained open to enable this work to take place.

We teach our pupils that whenever we have the chance to help someone else we should help them and I can think of no better example our staff could have set. Please have a look at our twitter feed for photographs and comments @SEACHS1961.

I hope that you are all in good spirits and keeping safe.

God bless and take care.

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