



## Shining our lights during lockdown

One of the things that I am most proud of as Trust CEO is the way that our pupils understand and live up to our ethos of “let your light shine”. As you will see in this edition of Lighthouse, even though the vast majority of pupils are working from home, it’s heartening to see that their lights are still shining, particularly through some fantastic artwork.

It is a very difficult time for everyone, but little bits of brightness will help us through. It is amazing to see the number of rainbows and positive messages displayed in so many windows. There are also great examples of people supporting neighbours and even complete strangers, as the cards from Grace Darling pupils for Polly’s 106th birthday show. The participation in the Clap for Carers at 8pm on Thursday is stunning and brings people together at a time when we are forced to be apart. It is amazing how the strength and light of our community shines through in the face of a huge challenge.

***The announcement that the GCSE and A level results will be issued on the original dates (A level 13th August, GCSE 20th August) gives us hope that we will be able to welcome students back to school to celebrate their achievements and support them with their next steps.***

Hopefully, we can start to see some light at the end of the tunnel and can prepare for a gradual return to normal life. Please stay safe and keep sending examples of fantastic work from home to each school or campus so that we can share this in future editions of Lighthouse.

Alan Hardie, CEO  
CEO, Northumberland Church of England Academy Trust

## Stay safe from hackers

Unfortunately, there are criminals who are exploiting the coronavirus crisis to target emails with dangerous malware and viruses. You may have received a number of emails titled “COVID-19” or “Coronavirus”. Some hackers are even using a fake gov.uk e-mail address and spamming inboxes.

### Top tips to tell a phishing e-mail from a legitimate one?

- Look closely at the e-mail address to make sure it’s spelled correctly.
- Hover over any links in the e-mail (but never click) to see the actual website you’ll be directed to. If it doesn’t look right then delete the e-mail immediately.
- Watch for poor grammar and spelling errors.
- Never download an attachment unless you know who sent it and what it is.
- When in doubt, call the person or company who supposedly sent the e-mail on the phone to verify that it’s legitimate.



## Free School Meal Vouchers

All parents who registered should now have received their first set of vouchers by email. If there are any problems with access, please contact your campus or school for support as soon as possible. Delivery of Co-op vouchers to those parents who requested these instead will be completed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.



**To apply for free school meals at any of the Trust schools, go to**  
[www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims)

## A message from Sally Milner, NCEAT Chaplain

Hello everyone,

I think I have lost track of time, I have no idea how long it is since we had a normal school day or didn't have to queue outside a shop before we even go in. I think I have now got used to standing over 2 metres away from everyone and taking two steps back if someone is coming towards me. It is these strange and quite unnatural things that are helping to save lives, but not everyone has survived the virus. Many of us will have had family and friends who have been very ill and some have died. It is very painful for us that we are not able to visit them in their last days or to gather in large numbers to say farewell at funerals. I am sure they would want to be remembered but I don't believe that would want us to lose hope. Hope is one of our LIGHT values of Love, Inclusivity, Goodness, Hope and Truth. The Christian God is a God of hope, a God that can be relied on and turned to no matter what the situation is or how difficult it may be, St Paul makes this clear in his letter to the Christians in Rome.

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him**

St Paul's Letter to the Romans 15: 13

We must find time to remember our loved ones who have died during COVID19 when lockdown has been eased, in the meantime and one way to honour their memory is to care for each other and not to lose hope.

Lord God, you are always with me.  
You are with me in the day and in the night.  
You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.  
You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling *(name how you are feeling)* because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.  
Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.

**Amen.**

I look forward to seeing everyone again, please keep in touch, stay at home and stay safe, it's lovely when I get a cheery wave when I see you out walking and biking.

**The Easter season lasts 50 days until we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost so we can still say Happy Easter.**

Sally  
@NCEAChaplain

**#ClapForCarers**



Eva, Bishop's School, shows off her fantastic artwork and gives a big clap for the NHS, carers and frontline workers

