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Dear Parents and Careers

I wanted to send a short newsletter home with some reminders.

Once again thank you for the words of encouragement and support that we have received and also thank you for engaging with us so much on home learning opportunities. The questionnaire that you are engaging with is helping us to re-evaluate what we continue to provide the children with. If you have missed the questionnaire so far here is the link <https://forms.gle/SxqtsoBtMQb66SQJA>

For the parents of those children in school at the moment the gate on Catholic Row is open in the morning from 8.40am to 8.50am. From Monday it will be closed promptly at 8.50am so that the school day can begin. This is especially important as the teachers are juggling remote and face to face.

Due to the juggling act of providing both face to face learning and remote learning, I have directed staff reduce their working hours. I have told them to maintain a working week of 8am-5pm, Monday to Friday, please only expect replies to emails during these hours. This, I know, will be a challenge for them as they are very conscientious and want to provide the best that they can for our children. The area that the many school staff members fail to perform with is looking after their own wellbeing. I am sure many of you will support me in this directive.

Attached with this newsletter I have included a document produced by Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust (BBCET). The remote learning provision across the Trust is varied but the document will help you to see how collectively as a Trust we are meeting the needs of the school communities. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please can I encourage you to record any thoughts, about what we are providing, on the Ofsted Parent View platform <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Many schools across the county have noticed that lockdown this time round is very different to the first time with all sorts of reasons. The biggest change is the number of parents who need us to provide spaces in school for their children. I would like to reinforce that we are at a partial closure so that we can remain safe and come out of this pandemic. Thank you for respecting this and keeping your children at home if you can. Also thank you to those parents whose children are attending school, for following all the guidelines to minimise any risk of transmission.



Let us pray that the current measures in place will begin to reduce the effect of the virus and the continued roll out of the vaccines will help us return to normality soon. Personally I see hope as my parents should both soon benefit from vaccinations – just being able to spend time with them will be magical.

As ever please email if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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