

From the Education Office - Special Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

We wanted to let you all know that you are in our thoughts and prayers especially at this exceptionally challenging time for our schools, families, our nation and our species. The amazing resilience you are showing and your passion to support the common good is awe-inspiring – so thank you all.

We are adjusting too to the new rules and guidance, and wanted to share a little wisdom with you, that we have picked up along the way, to practically support your efforts in school and within the home. This special newsletter contains some helpful pointers which we hope may save you a moment or two in your busy day.

We have reset our office phones to forward all calls to our mobiles so there is no reason for you to not contact us for support, encouragement or advice in the normal way. The pressures and the potential isolation all require us to support each so that we can all draw strength from our shared purpose and Christian values.

Our networks within Devon, Plymouth and Torbay are at your disposal should you require additional connectivity in order to develop an initiative or seek clarification about an urgent matter. We will do all we can to champion your work.

Every blessing for your continued health and well-being.

John Searson

We have set up a webpage which we will continue to update during this period. You can access this page using the following link:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/coronavirus-resources/>

Free RE Home Learning Resources:

Resources which can be used and shared with parents to support home learning.

<http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/>

Worship for Children at home:

[Diddy Disciples](#) are streaming Compline for young families on their Facebook page, led by children.

On Monday mornings, [Fischy Music](#) will stream several of their songs.

[Worshipping with Children](#) are providing worship outlines and reflections on the lectionary passages through their Facebook page.

[Messy Church](#) are designing sessions which can be used at home.

Coronavirus Mental Health Resources:

Resources produced by Devon and Torbay Mental Health Teams in School to be shared with families. These resources can be found on our [website](#).

There are further resources from JKP Books that might help children and young people:

- [I have questions about Coronavirus](#)
- [Managing Anxiety](#)
- [Creative Coping Strategies](#)

Talking to Children about the Coronavirus:

If you still have a Devon Child in Care on roll – please see the letter and guidance for your information.



[The British Psychological Society](#) have also released guidance for talking to children and young people about Coronavirus.

NGA – Coronavirus (Covid 19): Information for Governing Boards:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NGA-Coronavirus-Guidance-Issue-2-18-March-2020.pdf>

If you have any queries regarding Governance, please contact Christina Mabin. Sarah Owen continues to manage Governor appointments/reappointments.

Family Fun Cooking:

Encouraging families to cook healthy meals together and tackle food poverty.

<https://exeter.anglican.org/new-family-fun-cooking-club-launched-to-help-families-eat-well-and-cook-together/>