

## From the Education Office - Special Bulletin

Dear Colleague,

We send you our continued admiration and gratitude for the amazing work that you are engaged in on behalf of our nation. Our weekly briefings represent the small contribution we can make at this time. We have decided to focus our efforts on signposting through this bulletin and our website, on pastoral support (please contact us if we can help in any way) and on supporting you and your 'parents' in accessing useful on-line learning opportunities.

The national debate on gently unlocking the government restrictions has started. I am confident that our collective voices in education will be permitted to shape the final plans, and that flexibility, determined by your local situation, will be recognised. We have been heartened by the levels of collaboration, mutual understanding and respect that have been built within and across our region. I am sure that this improved collegiality will continue to develop in the months ahead.

I am sure that you, like us, have become more expert video conference participants and this element of our current existence will play a more important role after lockdown, as reducing our combined carbon footprint is essential, in meeting the challenging 'net zero' 2030 target.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with you, your staff, governors, children and families.

God bless

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/>

**We also have a Facebook Page. Please like and join our page and group 'Exeter Diocese's Education Team'**

National school assemblies will be held every Thursday at 10am and will be streamed on the [TES Website](#).

The first ever 'national' school assembly was held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. If you were unable to be part of this and would like to listen to The Archbishop of Canterbury lead this assembly please [click here](#).

[Engage Worship](#) are publishing daily prayers and worship activities which families can engage with together, using movement, interaction, craft, play and more.

**Looking to the Rainbow** is a brand new song for schools to perform during lockdown. Worship for everyone has put everything together to allow your schools to make your own version of the song. [Find out more...](#)

**Picture News** are offering a special pack to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. This pack has been designed to be used as a home learning activity with parents, or in school with mixed groups of key worker children. You will find the resources attached to our email.

**Thy Kingdom Come:** A Christian Prayer initiative that happens every year between Ascension and Pentecost. These resources have been designed for school-aged children. [Click here](#).

This exemplar Relationship [Sex] and Health Education policy, from the Diocese of Bristol, is available for you to adopt within your setting. It follows the approach of the Church of England Education Office in that it seeks to be faith-sensitive and inclusive. This policy should be read in conjunction with [The Equalities Act 2010](#).



**Church of England Foundation for Education Leadership** are offering open network sessions this term for your school leaders to join. All virtual network sessions will run from 10-11am. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Secretary of State for Education's notice about changes to state-funded school inspection requirements during the Coronavirus outbreak. [Find out more...](#)

The Church of England has produced a video of thanks to all teaching staff. [Thank you](#)