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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you and your children are keeping well. Thank you to all of you who have been supporting your children with their learning activities. We appreciate it is not always possible to do as much as you would like as you may be working or have limited IT at home. Please don't worry if your child is struggling to do all the work set – anything you are able to do is helpful- especially reading as we know this is the one skill that supports all learning. We'd encourage you to ensure your child reads at least once a day- either with you, alone or with another family member – maybe even by video call and read to them.

There has been a lot of correspondence since the start of the school closure so we thought it would be helpful to post all letters to parents/ carers on our website. Please scroll down on our home page to the News section where you will see a tab called Covid 19- letters sent to families. Please check these letters, especially if you have any queries regarding key workers or free school meals.

We have previously shared that over the Easter break our staff team will not be setting any work or responding to any learning related queries. Our team will resume their work from Monday 20th April. The Easter holidays are an opportunity to do lots of fun activities with your children: baking, board games, craft activities, singing- these are just a few ideas that also help with life skills and learning. Rev Dominic has given more suggestions for Easter in his message at the end of this letter.

To help you with ideas some of our staff team have very kindly put together a number of YouTube clips which you and your children can enjoy on our Koinonia You Tube page. The clips range from stories being read, exercise ideas and craft activities. Over the weeks we will be adding more and we hope everyone enjoys hearing or seeing a familiar face!

<https://tinyurl.com/Koinoniayoutubechannel>

With the increased use of technology during this time of isolation it is important we keep our children safe online. Please ensure you know which websites your child is accessing and if they are chatting to someone on-line, then ensure they are who they say they are. If your child has any concerns about online issues we would like to recommend the following:

- [Childline](#) - for support
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - to report and remove harmful online content
- [CEOP](#) - for advice on making a report about online abuse

As parents there are also a number of support tools you can also use:

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

We have also been given some guidance on well-being for pupils which we wanted to share:

1. Childline *Calm Zone*. A great collection of **activities and tools to use with children to develop a culture of calm**.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

2. Public Health England *Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak*

Released this week, the guidance contains a number of helpful sections for the **wellbeing of young people in quarantine**. They include details of how children and young people of different ages may react to stress and addresses specifically the needs of SEND pupils.

<https://tinyurl.com/GovWellbeingguidance>



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If you do need to make contact with the school over the Easter break our Peninsula Primary office (0208 858 1309) and our Woolwich office (0208 854 3531) will be answering calls during school hours. Please only call the school if you have an urgent enquiry as the staff on duty cannot answer general learning related enquiries.

Our chaplain, Rev Dominic, has written some words of reflection at the end of this letter to support us over the Easter period. We would love to see any Easter related artwork or images that you would like to share with our whole federation community. Please send in photos (with your child's name, class and Campus) to our dedicated e-mail address: showcasing@koinoniafederation.com

We will create slideshows of your submissions that everyone can view on our Koinonia YouTube channel. We look forward to seeing them!

We hope you manage to have an enjoyable Easter during this challenging time.

Best wishes,

Mrs Claire Harrison and Mrs Victoria Wainwright
Executive Co-Headteachers for the Koinonia Federation

From the Chaplain...

It feels rather strange not to be celebrating Easter in schools this week. My diary was full up with Easter storytelling, Easter services and remembering and celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection in different ways. We can't be together, so what can we do instead...Celebrate anyway, any way we can!

Let's think –

- A church nearby is encouraging people to make a cross out of anything they have in the house...socks, books, eggs, pencils and share the pictures. Why not try it and send us the pictures? (See some below)*
- You could make a cardboard box with a hole in the front into the tomb of Jesus, make 3 crosses to go on top and roll a stone in front of the hole until Easter Sunday. Then roll away the stone and place a torch or silver foil inside and then draw lots of flowers all over the tomb.*
- You could listen to some Easter songs on Youtube (Happy Day by Tim Hughes https://youtu.be/u3rOR3tf_4M or See what a morning by Keith and Kristyn Getty https://youtu.be/-LgE_E7yaz4) and get into a party mood.*
- Flowers represent new life. You could buy some flowers to have around the house and remind your family of the hope that we have in Jesus or make some out of paper to decorate your house.*
- You could read Matthew chapters 26 and 27 during Holy Week and Chapter 28 on Easter Sunday.*

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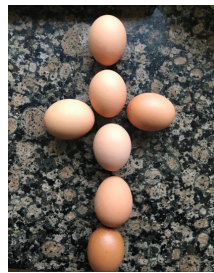
During this confusing time, find ways of surrounding yourself with Good News, with things that brighten your days and things that bring smiles and hope.

Find ways of connecting yourself with God (through prayer or music or online services), connecting yourself with family or friends (phoning them, video calling, writing to them) and connecting with your community (post a card to cheer someone up through a neighbour's door, give flowers to someone in need, shop for someone else if you can).

And remember – God loved the world so much that he gave His only son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. He did not come to condemn the world but that it might be saved through Him (John 3:16-17) and Jesus came that we might have life in all its fullness (John 10:10b).

Happy Easter!

*Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
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