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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have managed to spend some time together as a family during the Easter break. The weather has been very different from our usual British bank holiday weather and we hope you have been able to make the most of the sunshine whilst staying safe and you have managed to enjoy a walk at some point.

It is certainly a start to the Summer Term that none of us could have foreseen but, in our new 'remote' fashion, we welcome each and everyone of you to the Summer Term. Our memory verse for this term is: ***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever Psalms 107:1***

The last two weeks of the Spring Term certainly brought challenges for all of us and we have all had to adapt to new ways of working so we would like to begin this term by saying a huge 'thank you' to all of you – 'thank you' for finding your way through this new way of home- school working together and for doing your very best to support your child's learning.

The latest extension to the current guidelines came at the end of last week with the decision to extend the current restrictions by a further three weeks. This means that schools will not reopen to all children until at least Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and possibly far further into the future. We continue to provide a service for critical workers who have no way of keeping their children at home and we also continue to offer spaces to some other children where their needs cannot be met at home or there are other specific reasons for children to be in school.

**Provision for school places for essential workers and other identified children:** If you have not yet used the school provision but your child is eligible to attend, i.e. **has no way of remaining at home** and has **a.** a parent who is an key/essential worker and cannot work from home, **b.** has an EHCP and their needs cannot be met at home, or **c.** has an allocated social worker, please do contact [eholiday@koinoniafederation.com](mailto:eholiday@koinoniafederation.com) if you now feel that they need to attend. We will remind all parents that the Government advice remains that, wherever possible, children should remain at home. If your children usually attends one of our Nursery classes **and** you are an essential worker who **cannot** keep your child at home, then please also email and make a request for Nursery provision. Those children who are in school are taking part in a range of educational activities which are not the same as the virtual learning tasks, however both children at home and school are given the opportunities to develop a range of knowledge and skills appropriate for their age at this unusual time for schooling.

We are conscious that some of you may be finding this time financially challenging. We hope that all of you who are eligible for Free School Meals have signed up to receive the weekly monetary vouchers for a range of supermarkets. More details can be found on previous letters which are on our website [www.koininafederation.com](http://www.koininafederation.com) We are also able to share with you details of the **Community Hub Support for Families**. Please do contact them if you need support.

**Greenwich Community Hub Support for Families:** The Greenwich Community Hub can provide support for a range of challenges families face whether that is financial pressures or otherwise. This includes:

- collecting / delivering prescriptions
- delivering essential food packages
- connecting families to local community services to support with other areas such as finances

The Hub also now has an online referral route in addition to the telephone and email route. Contact the Greenwich Community Hub on: Tel: 0800 470 4831 Email: [covid19support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:covid19support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

As a Federation, we have been fortunate enough to acquire food parcels for some of our families. We will be in touch with you shortly, if this applies to your family. However, as always, if you are struggling then please telephone the school offices between 9am -3.30pm and speak to a staff member and we will endeavour to do our best to support your family. A reminder to Christ Church families to telephone the Peninsula campus if you need to speak to someone: 0208 858 1309.

Tomorrow you will receive a letter from your child's Campus Leader regarding the home school learning and expectations for this coming half term. Please continue to read to your child or have them read to you every day. Please continue to look at our YouTube page as many staff members have added activities to our page. <https://tinyurl.com/Koinoniayoutubechannel>

We look forward to working with you over this coming Summer term and will continue to keep you updated as new advice is released regarding education, families and schooling. Please continue to follow the Government's advice. Stay safe and well.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs C Harrison

Mrs V Wainwright

Executive Co - Headteachers

**From the Chaplain, Rev Dominic:**

I hope you all found something over Easter to enjoy – Spring beginning, new shoots and new buds blossoming, the signs of hope and light that come at the same time as our Easter Celebrations.

This term we will be thinking about Gratitude – I am grateful for sunny days, messages from friends and family, the stories of Jesus appearing to his disciples even though the doors are locked.

May you feel the Easter Hope as you continue with your daily lives and may you feel God's presence in the hard times as well as the good ones.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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