



Respect, Courage, Compassion, Friendship, Trust, Perseverance



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The Purple Page

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UPDATE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

I've received some wonderfully encouraging messages from families, thanking our staff for their continued support and hard work, much unseen, throughout the school closure. The staff have been incredibly supportive and flexible - from the very beginning when the crisis first started, and throughout, working tirelessly in school and behind the scenes. They, too, have their worries and challenges. As we keep all our families at the centre of our prayers, our staff team greatly appreciates being in your thoughts and prayers too. **Thank you.**

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Most of us will be aware that the government is reviewing and discussing the current lockdown situation for the country. Whatever the prime minister announces on Sunday, I can assure you that if they change advice regarding schools that we will be working very closely with local schools, Sefton LA and the Liverpool Diocese. I will keep you informed of any plans or changes over the coming days and weeks ahead.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please do visit the website regularly. It is frequently updated with advice, resources, and links to support our families and community during this challenging time. In particular, please regularly check the following tabs:

- Parents > COVID 19 Updates
- CHILDREN > Classes
- KEEPING US SAFE

HOME SCHOOL LEARNING

I want to draw your attention to two resources on our website found under CHILDREN > Classes. Please scroll down your child's class page to OTHER RESOURCES:

- **The Picture News-** St. John's subscribes to Picture News, which is a current affairs resource to engage our children in current affairs and build their skills and confidence in asking questions and discussing issues.

The EYFS version is great for the infants and on all the infant class pages and there is a version that has been added to each of the junior class pages.

There is a poster, linked to a British Value, with discussion prompts, activities and resources. For the infants there is also a video link to the theme on the Picture News Vimeo channel:

<https://vimeo.com/channels/picturenews>

I have added resources for the **VE 75th anniversary.**

- Collective Worship - home worship ideas, including some linked activities.

The Christian Value focus for this half term is PERSEVERANCE. Resources have been added here too.

All home learning support can be found by following the tab CHILDREN > Classes and then selecting your child's class page. Printed versions of the home learning packs can be collected from school – please phone to arrange a time.

SHARING YOUR FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING with us...

The Five Ways to Wellbeing



We have LOVED seeing what you have been doing at home during the closure. If you would like to share how you are following the five ways to wellbeing, you could send us a picture through a message on class dojo or send us a tweet.

NB: Please make sure that your child's name cannot be identified on Twitter (e.g., if the Twitter account includes a parent's surname).

Perhaps, CONNECTING by being engrossed in a story, or enjoying nature with a walk or some gardening.

Maybe they are GIVING by being helpful and thoughtful... showing some acts of kindness, such as helping set the table, tidying up.



NOTICING AND GIVING: Sefton LA has launched the #ShowThemYouCare campaign.

Many of the older members of our community, are feeling especially isolated during this time. They are unable to see loved ones or receive visitors which can be extremely upsetting. Finding small ways to cheer up our older neighbours and people in local care homes would be an amazing contribution to our community during this time – perhaps a picture, a letter or a poem.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

One thing we can be sure of is that life is not going to return to normal quickly, which may affect the emotional health and mental wellbeing. I want to share information about a free mental health offer available in Sefton for our children.

Kooth is a safe, confidential, and anonymous mental health and emotional wellbeing platform for children and young people, Go to **www.kooth.com** for more information.

Chesterfield High pupils have created a series of adverts about how Kooth had helped them. Radio City is broadcasting the adverts over the next few weeks.

<https://www.chesterfieldhigh.org.uk/2020/05/students-create-kooth-adverts/>

Please do check out the KEEPING US SAFE tab. School staff have also been using the resources for themselves and their own families and have found the links, resources and advice very helpful.

SCHOOL HEALTH TEAM

A reminder that the School health team is still available to offer support and advice if you have any health concerns regarding your child. There is a duty practitioner available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) 9 am to 5 pm. They can be contacted on 0151 247 6354. See KEEPING US SAFE > school nurse