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**Mission Statement** "We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer term. I hope you and your families are well and you managed to have a happy and holy Easter, despite not being able to attend Church.

Thank you to all our critical workers who are working at the front line during Covid-19, I ask you all to pray that they stay safe and healthy, as with all of our community. School is open again for the children of the critical workers, the office is closed but staff do check text service daily, so please text, any urgent needs will be responded to as soon as possible.

Further to requests for home/school communication we hope that the '2do' feature in Purple Mash will address the need for teacher / pupil interaction.

Teachers have provided home/school planning, you can find your child's planning under the learning section of the website in their class page.

Parents please remember these plans are only a guideline - we do not want to cause any stress to families at this time and if you can't access the work or finish in the time please don't worry. If you have any concerns or problems, use the school texting service and teachers will help. Some of the most important activities you could encourage are reading / revision of number work. There are links on website about home schooling and NSPCC guidance for parents about managing stress, yours and your child's. You must continue to do your great job of keeping your families safe and well.

Teachers have tried to provide activities that match with year expectations and are accessible for children. Teachers have used Purple Mash, LGFL, BBC Bitesize and White Rose Maths home learning as appropriate. (Your child has login and password for Purple Mash and LGFL). If you have internet access and can use Purple Mash, teachers and children can communicate with each other about their work on the '2do' page.

For Maths Years 1-6 will be using [www.whiterosemaths.com](http://www.whiterosemaths.com) home learning from next week. This is similar to what we teach in class, so your child should be familiar with the activities.

If you do want some extra activities each class has added optional additional tasks/suggestions at the bottom of the weekly plan and there are suggested websites on your class learning page.

We are also trying to find the best home learning websites that we feel will help your child to learn. Here are a few:

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessonss](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessonss) a variety of lessons for different year groups

[www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/primary](http://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/primary) a science/design technology website giving parents practical ideas for home learning.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/> NSPCC advice to support parents and carers during this difficult time.

Your feedback is welcome, so do let us know how this first week of home schooling goes and we will amend accordingly.

Many thanks for all you are doing to keep your families safe.

Miss Nugent and staff