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COVID-19: LDBE Senior Leaders Update

Dear Colleagues,

I write to you all at the end of what I know feels like a very long and difficult term. Children have been returning to school in their 'bubbles' and the dedication and bravery of teachers and all school staff throughout this pandemic has been remarkable. The Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education continues to thank you for your selfless commitment to our young people.

We especially thank you for the provision you have given for our vulnerable children and children of key workers. We acknowledge that schools have remained open, including throughout the school holidays.

We also praise the work you have done within our communities to support those in need during these unprecedented times. It has been a joy to share the rainbow news stories on our website and we look forward to more stories to celebrate as we welcome all children back to school in September.

It has been wonderful to see how schools, academy trusts, parishes and communities have come together to support our young people and their families.



Courtesy of Charlie Mackesy

At the end of this summer term, I ask that all of you take the time to rest so that you can return in September feeling refreshed and energised. The selfless dedication to our schools and the endless hours of preparation, online teaching, safeguarding and emotional and spiritual support you have given to our young people and their families has been incredible. However, it is also so important to take care of yourselves and take time over the summer to do so.



Picture courtesy of Charlie Mackesy

The DBE Team will be here during the summer and we encourage you to contact us with any help with preparations for the opening of schools in September or any pastoral support you may need.

Below are the contact details of the team. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require support.

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Thank you again for all that you are doing for our schools and their communities. We hold you all in our prayers and wish you a restful, healthy and happy summer break.

DEAR GOD,
IF I EVER LOSE MY HOPE,
PLEASE GIVE ME STRENGTH AND REPLENISH MY SOUL.



Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Matthew 11:29

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Shaw'.

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