



**Dear Parents,**

You will have seen the government's announcement about schools having a phased return to school for some year groups from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. I have been working with our Trust and our Trust wide approach will be made available to you today. Please complete any questionnaires that are sent out to you with regard to this.

### **Working at Home**

Teachers will continue to set work. As we are open during next week's half term break, teachers will be having a staggered break across this week and next so that there is always sufficient teachers in school. So don't worry if you don't hear from your child's class for a few days, they will be back! Remember to contact school if you have any questions or issues accessing work online



### **Chaplaincy Competition**

Angela O'Brien, the NPCAT Chaplaincy lead has launched a competition for all children and she has asked us to let you know about it. There is a prize of £30 in vouchers.

In these times of uncertainty, there are many people who wonder why God would let something like this happen.

Despite this, believers are flooding social media, reaching out to their places of faith, as faith leaders reach to them in return. They pray in earnest and yearn to be back in their places of worship. Why do they do this? What is your response in these times?

Explore your response to these questions by creating a piece of original art, a poem, a song or a dance. Add a short explanation of your piece.

Send your entry to [project35-35@npcat.org.uk](mailto:project35-35@npcat.org.uk) by Sunday 31st May. 2 weeks to go!

### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, Mrs Farrier can do a very simple check for you. Please contact school and we will let you know what information we need for these checks. If eligible, you will receive vouchers for £3 a day for each child. So please don't miss out if your circumstances have changed. We are getting extremely prompt responses from Redcar and Cleveland so don't hesitate to let us know.

### **Welfare Calls**

All schools in our Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust are contacting families regularly. This will continue as long as the lockdown continues. For safeguarding reasons, please make sure you call us back if we miss you!

### **Mrs Lawson**

We should have been in Edinburgh today with Y5 and Y6 and Mrs Lawson, it is such a shame that we can't be! Mrs Lawson leaves us at the end of this week to take up her Headship at Lockwood Primary School. She has taught at St Joseph's for 11 years and I have personally worked with her for over 20 years(I know, we don't look old enough)! She has been a fantastic teacher as well as colleague and we will all really miss her. She leaves at a most strange time in school but will, I know, relish the challenges ahead. We all wish her the best of luck and will invite her back to see us all later in the summer term.

### **Y6**

I haven't forgotten about you Y6! We will see you some time after half term. Your classroom will look a little different but I am sure that all of us will work hard to make sure that you enjoy your last half term at St Joseph's. We already have some ideas of how we can make your time special. We are certainly thinking about how we can do a socially distanced shirt signing!

**Please take care everyone,**

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