

Dear All

Well, strange times indeed.

I am torn between doing a jolly message to cheer us all up or a serious one to signify the time in which we find ourselves.

There are people we may know now who are contemplating losing loved ones knowing that they will be unable to be there in person at the end. We will all have families in our schools or friends or relatives who face an immediate future with no income or an income greatly less than their outgoings.

Amongst this fearful situation those who work in schools, just like our NHS colleagues, are being asked to work and to be in contact with the children of critical workers. This is a tough ask.

In our church schools our Christian roots call us to serve; not just those we want, when we want, but to serve where we are called to serve whoever we are called to serve – hard isn't it?

Matthew 23:11-12 Living Bible (TLB)

¹¹ “The more lowly your service to others, the greater you are. To be the greatest, be a servant. ¹² But those who think themselves great shall be disappointed and humbled; and those who humble themselves shall be exalted.”

And of course, in all of this we are not alone -

Matthew 28:20

“ And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

We will continue to support you to serve and to ensure that you are not alone. Please continue to stay in touch with us as we too continue to serve.

And one last thought – the Matthew quote above is from the story of Easter morning. It is a story about new life, about conquering, about hope.

Let us stay hopeful even if the blue sky can only be experienced through the window.

As ever, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

God bless

Jackie