

From Jackie Waters-Dewhurst, Diocesan Director of Education –

Dear All -

I hope that you managed to find a way to mark the VE day celebrations.

75 years of peace in Europe all thanks to people uniting across national borders, cultural differences, race and language to work together for one good. That's the real story – humanities ability to pull together, to set differences aside and to do the job that needs doing – together.

And that's what I'm seeing in schools during this time. School communities, the Local Authorities, the Diocese, parents, staff and pupils doing what needs doing – together.

The Prime Ministers briefing last night threw up many questions for us over the coming weeks and few, as of yet, answers. Hold tight, continue to work with the whole education community and we will, together, find a way to meet the needs of our staff and our pupils as well as our community. There may be difficult decisions ahead and, as ever it will be school leaders who will face sleepless nights weighing up the pros and cons of every possibility. Seek advice, pray much and work together. And remember, we are here to support you in any way you need.

Please remember, in these times when families are finding it ever more difficult financially, that the Bishop of Lincoln's Ready for school fund is available for individual pupils to remove barriers to learning caused by financial hardship. The link is here - <https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/grants-and-funds>

All we need is a letter on school headed paper or an email from you stating the need and how much is needed – we can approve it in days and get a cheque to you.

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

[1 Thessalonians 5 16-18](#)

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

[Psalm 17:6](#)

God bless -
Jackie

Resources/News from the Team

Called, Connected, Committed

Click [here](#) to access the latest Called, Connected, Committed newsletter from the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership.



Archbishop of York Youth Trust – Free Resources for School and Home

Creative and fun resources to try at home exploring how you can be Young Leaders during this challenging time and beyond. Learn, reflect, create and share with others. Be the change you want to see!

Click [here](#).

RE Activities



RE Today, in partnership with NATRE, have produced a series of free, quality-assured online resources to support parents and their children with the provision of RE activities for use during the coronavirus crisis. These resources are available for anyone to access at:

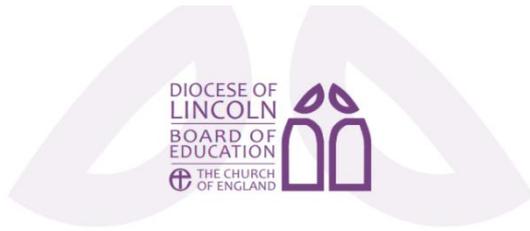
www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/

'Our Plan to Rebuild'

The Government has today published the above, available from [here](#).

DfE guidelines regarding the practical application of this will follow.

Diocesan SLA Booklet



Diocesan Service Level Agreement and
Professional Development Programme

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

The SLA booklet has been sent to all schools via email, hard copies to be posted as soon as we are able.

Please do take a look. A copy is also on the website – [here](#) – together with forthcoming course details.

If you need any further information, please contact Tracy Smith – tracy.smith@lincoln.anglican.org