



## From Jackie Waters-Dewhurst, Diocesan Director of Education –

Dear colleagues

<sup>2</sup> Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy *good health* and that all may go well with you, just as you are *progressing spiritually*. <sup>3</sup> John v 2

*'progressing spiritually'*

Last week we had our own inset morning (via Zoom of course). One of the items was how we could further support you all, not necessarily in huge ways but in small ways which might lighten your day or your load, both practically and spiritually. There were some brilliant ideas which we will be looking to implement over the coming months.

One of these is already in place and that's a prayer space on the website (click [here](#)). At the moment this is set up for those schools affected by covid, but it could be used for any need in your school.

*'good health'*

It would really help us if you could drop us a line when you have any pupils or staff off having tested positive for covid including any bubbles who have to self-isolate. This is so that we can include you in our prayers but also so that we can keep some strategic overview of where the need is and communicate this with both the DBE directors but also with senior clergy in the diocese. Please send this information to: Sam Stewart (Diocesan Senior School Effectiveness Adviser) at [samantha.stewart@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:samantha.stewart@lincoln.anglican.org)

We have received news from a number of schools who have had cases of covid and so I include the following as a bit of a 'Lessons They Have Learned':

1. We have been made aware of cases where groups of school staff have been told to self-isolate for 14 days after being in a meeting with someone who has subsequently tested positive for Covid-19. In one case, this has resulted in 8 teachers and a Headteacher having to self-isolate for 14 days. The meeting was short, socially distanced and the school had taken precautionary measures. However, they have subsequently been advised by PHE and Track and Trace that all those in attendance need to isolate for 14 days, regardless of if they

were symptomatic or have a test that confirms a negative result at the time of taking it.

Close Contact has been defined as below:

- a. having face-to-face contact with someone less than 1m away (this will include times where you have worn a face covering or a face mask)
- b. spending more than 15 minutes within 2m of someone
- c. travelling in a car or other small vehicle with someone (even on a short journey) or close to them on a plane

Please be aware of this when you decide how to do your staff meetings. Some schools are continuing to do these virtually even though everyone is in the same building.

2. Please also remember that you should be contacting your Local Health Team if you have a case. They will be able to offer more support than PHE (this has been in some advice but the government guidelines have not been consistent in this). The contact details are:

**Lincolnshire:** East Midlands HPT Telephone 0344 2254 524 (option 1)

**North and North East Lincolnshire:** North Yorkshire and the Humber Health Protection Team  
Phone: 0114 304 9843

3. Also remember that you will need to have virtual lessons up and running as soon as you have to send a bubble home so some planning of that needs to be done in advance.

These are difficult times, but like John we pray that you, our friends, may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you.

Continue to take care and to know that you are doing an incredible job to navigate all of the advice and guidelines, all of the risk assessments and policies to continue to provide for your pupils and your community.

God bless

*Jackie*

## Resources

### Reflections

Continuing the series started last week – Lynsey Norris, our Education Development Officer, is producing reflections, for your use and for the school –

<https://www.lincolndioceseeducation.com/reflections>