



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

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Well!

Maybe you were expecting that and maybe you weren't.

Maybe you were fairly sure it was coming but didn't think it would be quite so swift or only 1 day into the new term.

I suspect that that depends on which Twitter feeds you follow!

Some important things to note:

Whatever the press or the government are saying you and I both know that schools are not closing.

We remain open for those who need us – the vulnerable, the children of key and critical workers (a fast-growing group as the categories are broadened) and, newly, for those who cannot access remote learning at home either through a lack of IT equipment or because of space at home.

We will also continue to educate, remotely, all children who have been placed in our care.

We will, as we have ever done, serve those who need us.

That's not to say that it will be easy. That is not to say that it will not involve sacrifice. But this is what we do – we serve our communities, we lead by example, we model the life we believe is right and we learn this from our own role models; those who have gone before us leading schools in difficult times. Those who led through the strikes of the 70's, through the wars and the evacuations and the evacuees with staff away fighting and numbers of pupils changing weekly.

We serve and we teach our communities to serve – to be the very best they can be.

And we rely, for our inspiration and our strength on each other and on our God. Jesus's example of servant leader was made for days such as these.

Matthew 20:28

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Luke 22:25-27

25 Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. 26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

We at the Diocesan Board of education will continue to walk with you both prayerfully and practically.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you in this time.

God bless

*Jackie*

**Please see below for a video message from Jackie –**

**<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=11>**

## Resources and Information

### Training and support

In these turbulent times, the diocesan education team would like to provide as much continuity and stability in schools as possible. A number of schools have enquired whether the diocesan training programme will continue this year and the answer is 'yes'. As before, our highly experienced advisers will provide informative and interactive online training and

support on a broad range of themes for governors, headteachers, RE leaders etc. The service level agreement meetings will continue virtually and these will provide opportunities for identifying current strengths and areas for development for your schools. For more details of the professional development programme, please visit

<https://www.lincolndioceseeducation.com/training-and-events>

## The Diocesan website

The website is continually updated and provides a wealth of resources and information to support schools over the next few months. To name but a few, you will find materials for RE, collective worship, prayer and promoting mental health and well-being. The website is

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

## Vacancy for Diocesan School Effectiveness Adviser (SEA)

As you know, Sam Stewart is retiring at Easter after several years of being a highly regarded school effectiveness adviser (SEA) for church schools across the diocese.

We are now advertising for a new SEA to be part of the diocesan education team from the beginning of the summer term. For more details of this exciting opportunity, please visit the diocesan website for the application pack -

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

## Collective Worship Resources

There are a variety of resources and information on our website to help schools lead their collective worship while all children are not in school. Please find some links below:

Secondary resources

<https://www.lincolndioceseeducation.com/page/?title=Secondary&pid=71>

Worship At Home – a variety of different resources updated today and will continue to be updated in the coming weeks

<https://www.lincolndioceseeducation.com/page/?title=Worship+at+Home&pid=59>

Faith at home - primary and secondary resources

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home>

Core Concepts of Collective Worship sheet to help with planning

<https://www.lincolndioceseeducation.com/site/data/files/users/89ED48E099550451C875DD65CE7B1E9E.pdf>