



20th May 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, thank you for the clear, thoughtful and supportive responses to the letter sent on 18th May. I appreciate that for each family there are many aspects to consider as we approach the final half-term of the academic year. As we navigate the route ahead, I want to assure each family that we are here for you and will support your child as best we can in the coming weeks. Can I urge you to respond to the [survey](#) if you have not already done so. Your responses are instrumental in our planning process. **You will receive further communication** in the coming days with greater detail about exactly how we aim to support your child's education over the next half-term.

Half-Term

In normal circumstances, next week would have been the summer-term break. Teachers will therefore not be setting specific work for children to complete but please continue to make use of any of the online learning resources previously shared, you can find these on past parent letters on our website. We won't be calling each family next week but if you need to contact us, please use the regular channels.

Nature Challenge

With the lovely weather at the moment it's a great opportunity to get outside, Mrs Reed would love to hear of your experiences in nature and wants to highlight this [30-day challenge](#) run by the Wildlife Trust. Families can sign up for fun challenges

Faith at Home

The Church of England has developed an encouraging set of resources and videos for families to explore together. You can check it out here [#Faithathome](#).

St Gabriel's School Song

It's not too late to take part! If you would like to create your own version of 'Looking to the Rainbow' 1) [please listen to the song here](#), 2) then download the lyrics to learn

the song. 3) If you are still feeling brave then download the **backing track with calls**, and 4) record yourself (portrait) on a phone. 5) You can send your recording of the song (video files can be large) to office@stgabrielscofeacademy.org using [WeTransfer](#). Remember this is **a video to be shared**, so only send in your recording if you are happy to **give permission for the video to go on social media**. Thank you and looking forward to hearing the end result!

CSW Virtual School Games Competition

If you are feeling active this half-term, why not try the CSW School Games virtual competition? Details can be found [here](#). The competition is open to all children and there are prizes for individuals and schools! You can enter results each week. Have fun and good luck!

Over the past weeks and months, despite the challenges, it has been a great and recurrent joy to hear of the lovely experiences families have created together; long walks, bike rides, family quizzes, gardening, games, baking, films. For many, we have had the opportunity to spend time in our immediate families and connect like never before. This coming week, I hope you are able to enjoy time as a family and getting out to appreciate the late spring. I look forward to the next half-term with our community as we grow in faith for the future of our school.

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **John 13:7 (NIV)**

Yours sincerely,



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