



Tuesday 24th March

Dear parents and carers,

- Staff are working through the enquiry emails a number of you have sent for technical queries and we are responding as fast as we can. Please be mindful that we have a skeleton staff on site. Some staff are not in school as they have family members who are ill and are having to self-isolate, others have underlying health issues so are working from home. All our staff are working hard to upload lessons onto classcharts as well as providing provision for children who are vulnerable and those of critical workers. If you are finding it difficult to log on to one of the resources we have created some links to general resources for our core subjects are on our website. <http://www.holyfamilycarlton.org/online-learning/>
- Please use your judgement as parents to decide the quantity your child attempts each day. **Be realistic about what you can do!** You are not expected to become teachers and your children aren't expected to learn as they do in school. Simply providing your children with some structure at home will help them to adapt. You are having to balance and juggle a lot of things so the number one priority is to take care of your own health and wellbeing and that of your family. This will be new for your entire household, so give it time to settle.

You can always do alternative things to those suggested that are equally valuable and enriching – you can make that choice. For example:

- BBC Bitesize and Skillswise has lots of interactive resources, quizzes, worksheets and games
 - Exercise routines are posted online eg The Body Coach
 - Museums and art galleries have set up virtual tours
 - Set up an exercise circuit in the garden
 - Do some weighing and measuring while cooking
 - Look for free downloadable books
 - Write postcards, letters and prayers for family and friends
 - Go for a family walk (follow the government guidelines!)
 - Play some board games
 - My sister and her family have set up an afternoon 'siesta' to recharge (a family nap!)
 - We are posting Collective worship links on our twitter page @HFCarlton
- Supermarket E-Vouchers for the first two weeks will be emailed direct to families on free school meals in the next two days. If we do not have your email they will be posted. If you do not receive them by Thursday evening please email enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org and put FSM as the 'subject'.

It has been important to send daily letters to everyone in these first few days as we all adapt. We will now move to a weekly bulletin to keep in touch with everyone and targeted communication for those who need information on: trips/visits; Year 8 options; Y11 Updates etc

On a personal note, my prayers will be said for all of you and your families. Our students may not be in our building but they continue to be in our thoughts and in our hearts. Thank you for supporting them as they continue 'To grow in wisdom and grace'.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. Mitchell

Headteacher

