

St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 26th June 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you are safe and well. I have been very impressed with all the hard work that our children are putting in to their home learning activities. It is clear that they are being well supported by you, and I thank you for your support. Children in school have settled in very well, and I am sure that many of you (like myself) will be wondering what the next Government announcement will say on the topic of children returning to school fully. In the meantime, there are many things that we are organising in school in preparation for the children to return. I, along with the staff are missing the children and it was lovely to see so many happy faces in the home learning sessions this week.

Hopefully, your child/ren will have had chance to watch the headteacher video link gospel assembly on BGFL. (My computing skills have certainly improved during lockdown but we are working on ways of bringing the Gospel to life even further in weeks to come!). Let's remember that faith can strengthen and guide us and this week's announcement from Cardinal Vincent Nicholls about Collective Acts of Worship resuming in the Catholic Church is great news! Despite not being able to receive the Body of Christ in Mass as we normally would, we are living and breathing our faith at every opportunity, and more than ever Jesus is present in our school and our community. I have witnessed many acts of faith in school and out of school. St. Mark's is certainly a community that 'Proudly and joyfully, loves, lives and learns together!'

Emotional Wellbeing Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who completed our online questionnaire in relation to your child's wellbeing. We had 35 responses in total and here are the results:

How concerned are you about your child/children's emotional wellbeing?

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Very concerned

Somewhat concerned 11

Neither concerned nor uncon... 12

Somewhat unconcerned 6

Very unconcerned



2. What do you feel has been the biggest factor that has contributed to your child/ren's state of emotional wellbeing?

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Lockdown - dramatic change i... 20

Worried about Covid-19

Not being able to attend school 10

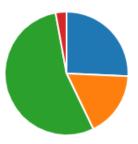
Other



3. Do you feel that lack of social interaction has contributed to your child's emotional wellbeing?

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4. Do you feel Lockdown and the dramatic change in lifestyle has impacted negatively on your own emotional wellbeing?

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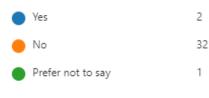
Unsure





6. Have you accessed any support already for your child/ren's emotional wellbeing?

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 $7. \ \ Would you \ like \ any \ further \ support \ with \ you \ child's \ emotional \ well being?$

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Summary

We can see that many children have been affected by Lockdown in some way and the challenges it has brought along with it. Around 50% of you would like some support with managing your child's emotional wellbeing in the future. As a school we are looking in to ways of how we can best provide this support and our feeling is that we want to be proactive instead of reactive. If you feel your child is fine now but things

may change in the future, accessing support now will not only support you and give you confidence but it will also support your child. Below are some useful websites you can access in the meantime.

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

WWW.FORWARDTHINKINGBIRMINGHAM.ORG.UK



www.minded.org.uk



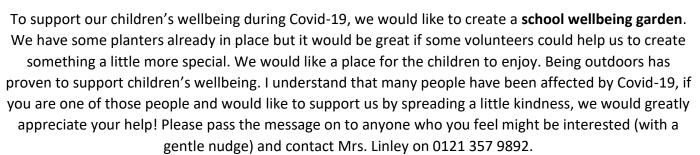
Prayer for the week

Lord help me
to remember
that nothing
is going to happen
to me today
that You and I
together can't handle.
Amen.



<u>APPEAL</u>

Any volunteers feeling green???



Have a good weekend, stay safe and God Bless

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team





