



In the light of God we care, we share, we laugh, we learn

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Dear St Chad's School Community

Message from our School Governing Body

Following the decision to close St Chad's from Friday, on behalf of the governors, I wanted to write to send you our thoughts and prayers as we navigate the uncertain times ahead when nothing can be taken for granted and normal routines are about to change beyond recognition. We can't escape Coronavirus talk - on the news, at school, at home, at church or with friends. It may feel claustrophobic, like society is crumbling around us; but our ultimate hope is not in the society or community that we are a part of; the place that we work; the friends that we have journeyed life with; or even the place of worship that our faith has grown in. Our hope is in Jesus who has promised that we will spend eternity with him.

In a time of uncertainty, we can be certain of the unbreakable bond between Jesus and each of us.

Romans 8:35-39 (The Message)

'Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture...None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us'

72 years ago CS Lewis was referencing the atomic bomb, but the same can be said of the Corona Virus...let's continue doing what is good. **Fear will not be what defines us.**

"If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds." -CS Lewis

We need to know the peace and assurance that Jesus brings us, now more than ever. At the heart of St Chad's are the values of caring, sharing, laughing and learning in God's light, and so we pray, "Lord, open our eyes and ears to see where we can bring your practical compassion into people's lives, and open our hearts to know your peace and saving grace".

With our best wishes and heartfelt prayers

Andie Wilson

(Co-Chair of Governors)

On behalf of The St Chad's Governing Body

