



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

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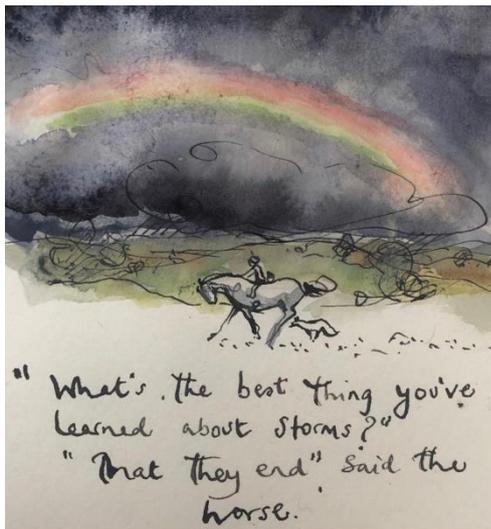
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Dear Parents and Carers

### Remote Learning and Weekly Requests for School Places

During these very challenging times I hope you and your families are safe and well. I want to thank you for the way in which you have adapted to such strange times with patience and understanding, your warm words of appreciation and support are much appreciated. We continue to be astounded by the way in which you have navigated the current lockdown restrictions whilst juggling your children's remote learning alongside your own work commitments. Supporting your child at home can be hard and at times exhausting but please be assured that you are all doing an amazing job in very difficult circumstances.



We are setting the work required by the DfE and know that everyone's individual situation is different. Remote learning may sometimes feel overwhelming and I want to reassure you that if you need support we are here to help in any way that we can.

However, we encourage you to fully engage in our **remote learning** offer and ask that your child posts a minimum of **four posts** a day on SeeSaw or Tapestry. **Daily engagement** with remote learning will be the best way of preparing your children for the full re-opening of school which according to the Prime Minister will begin on March 8 although this is yet to be confirmed. You will receive more information about the re-opening of school after half term.

The need to make weekly requests for school places has now ceased and you will not need to complete a request form on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We have taken this decision in-line with our whole school risk assessment and DfE guidance which states that where possible schools should limit the number of children on the school site. Moving forward, if your child has a school place **they will continue to have that school place** on the days you have requested but we will not be accepting any new applications.



As we reach the end of another week I want to share with you a quote from a beautiful poem, The Hill We Climb, by the young poet laureate, Amanda Gorman:

*“So while once we asked, ‘How could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?’ Now we assert,  
‘How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?’...  
For there is always light,  
if only we’re brave enough to see it.  
If only we’re brave enough to be it.”*

May we continue to strive for the light amongst the chaos of Covid-19 and remember that:

**“In the Light of God: We Care, We Share, We Laugh, We Learn.”**

Best Wishes

**Miss A. McHale**  
Head of School