



# Edwinstree Middle School

A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School

## Student News

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**Dear Year 5 Student**

WOW Year 5, what an inspiring and courageous year group you are! We are so amazingly proud of all your hard work to make sure that you keep your learning moving forward. This is such a tough ask for children of your age and yet you are doing it really well. Some of you have been sending us video links or hard copy of what you are doing, you don't have to, but we love receiving your updates!

We are getting excited as the school is planning to give you the opportunity to come into school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June for one day in the first week, then two days the Monday and Tuesday afterwards. We are just asking the teachers to consider the timetable one more time and they give the go ahead, your parents will receive a final letter confirming your start date, your time to come in, where to go and the time you leave school.

If your Parent or Carer has chosen for you not to return yet, we are sorry that we won't see you until September, but we completely understand. All parents must make the right choice for their own family. You will continue with online learning, which will be set in the same way it is now and posted on "Show my Homework" SMHW.

For those of you potentially returning to school, your parents have already received via their weekly Newsletter, a link to a Powerpoint presentation and video that gives you an indication of what school is like at the moment. We recommend that you take time with your family to look at it, but don't worry as on the first day back, your teacher will spend time with you and explain how things have changed.

In the meantime, during your time away the team of teachers and I have all been navigating the new world of teaching online and for me, this has meant trying to catch up with the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the new ways of working! Last week we carried out a TEAMS meet as a school and we completed a COWO together via the internet, in our separate classrooms. We explored the value of Koinonia and how this might help us to understand the 'Black Lives Matter' campaign. Many of us have been moved, disturbed and upset by what has been happening, but all of us want to share in the knowledge that racism is utterly intolerable in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This week we are going to complete a second COWO on the theme, and we are inviting all students at home to join us, if you would like to. I will send a link on Tuesday morning via SMHW, so you can log in to the 'LIVE' COWO from 1:30pm. If you would like to see what we are up to and to share ideas and thoughts via the chat facility, hopefully that will be available. Please look out for the SMHW notification on Tuesday.

Stay safe

**Jo Gant**  
**Headteacher**