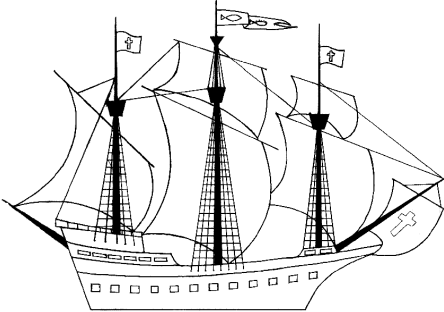

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*'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'
(Galatians 5:22-23)*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back to school this week and we look forward to the summer months ahead. I know that many parents are concerned about their child's progress during lockdown. Unfortunately, some of the language in the media about a "damaged generation" and "apocalyptic levels of lost learning" has not been helpful. There is danger that the curriculum could become narrowed and catch-up clubs mandatory for all pupils. Of course, there will be individual pupils who will need additional teaching, in small group and one-to-one sessions. However, instead of fixating on a deficit model of learning we need to focus on what the children need next and maintaining a broad, rich, and balanced curriculum for all pupils is essential. We have lots of exciting plans for the summer term which we will begin to outline in next week's Dawpool News.

In the weeks preceding Easter, we will help the children to settle back into school and undertake a range of projects and activities to support positive mental health and wellbeing with a particular emphasis on Relationships and Health Education (RHE). As you may be aware, the Department for Education (DfE) is making Relationships and Health Education (Primary) and Relationships, Sex Education and Health Education (Secondary) compulsory in all schools. To ensure that we further promote the personal wellbeing and development of all pupils whilst meeting new statutory requirements we have worked hard to integrate any proposed changes into our RSHE policy and curriculum content.

To introduce parents to all the proposed changes and ensure everyone is well informed, we have created an [RSHE page](#) on our website which contains the following information:

- Draft RSHE Policy
- RSHE Statutory Guidance & Church of England Guidance
- RSHE Guide for Parents & Carers
- PSHE Programme of Study
- Sample HeartSmart Lesson Materials & Introduction Video

Your input and views are greatly valued. In order to provide your feedback, we ask you to complete our [RSHE Parents' Consultation Survey](#). Your curriculum queries, opinions, and any contributions will enable us to further develop and shape our bespoke curriculum offer and will also enable us to continue to work in partnership to meet the needs of all children. We look forward to receiving your feedback and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely,

David Burrows

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.' (Jeremiah 29:11)