



**Maria Fidelis**  
Catholic School FCJ

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*Growing together through Christ with courage, confidence and dignity*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This second week of closure has seen us refine the activities on the website and establish a routine for those still attending school. I hope your children are managing to access appropriate resources online; please note most do not need to be printed and pupils should use their normal school books to keep their work organised. Follow the guidance on the website for structuring your child's day under the 'Learning From Home' tab.

**Please read our recent e-Safety notice to help keep your child safe online while working from home.**

Mr. Anthony has posted links to interesting websites including The National Theatre and Chester Zoo to support positive use of leisure time in addition to learning resources. We appreciate how challenging it must be trying to manage the stresses of everyday life and home school your children. Please keep in touch and let us know if there are any other ways we can support you. School will be fully closed as normal over the Easter break; please do not email teaching staff during the holiday period. If you have a concern or worry please email Mr. Anthony [manthony@mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk](mailto:manthony@mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk), Ms. Barrett [gbarrett@mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk](mailto:gbarrett@mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk) or your Head of Year who will find appropriate support for you. Your family's wellbeing and safety remains a priority for us at Maria Fidelis, we are never closed to you; keep in touch.

This week began with a very special day; the 30th of March was the date in 1820 when Marie Madeleine D'Houet founded the Faithful Companions of Jesus. It was our Bicentenary Day. This time more than ever we reflect on her words that greet every person who walks onto our school site.

"Have courage and confidence. We must never say I cannot do that, I am not capable of doing this job. God will not fail to give you the grace to do all that He has asked of you."

We are now at the end of the Spring Term but without our usual newsletters and events. Next Monday marks the beginning of Holy Week and today we would have been gathering together in school for Lenten reflection and liturgy to prepare for the coming Easter. I will miss not being able to take part in the services in my local parish, particularly at this time when we all need our faith for comfort and strength. Although we are physically apart let us keep together in prayer and put our trust in God.

"Let nothing disturb you.  
Let nothing frighten you.  
All things are passing away;  
God never changes." **St Teresa of Avila**

I am praying for you all at this difficult time.  
Take care and keep safe.

All Best Wishes

*H.M. Gill*

**Helen Gill**