

Thursday March 26th 2020

Hi St Anne's family

First of all – I'm missing you and you are never far from my thoughts and prayers! These are very strange and scary times at the moment. The good news is - some things can't be shut down and one of them is our care for one another and, I believe, God's love for each and every one of us. There is a cool verse in the bible that tells us that nothing can separate us from God's love...

["]For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8v38

In times of uncertainty in my life I find a comfort and a grounding in my faith and I'm so thankful that it doesn't rely on anything I have to do or be but it is about simply reaching out to God in any way that I can. My prayer is that you will find this same security and consolation in God who is bigger than everything else that is going on in the world right now. (Questions and doubts allowed by the way!)

Don't worry about praying in a certain way with special words – just talk to him. The children are brilliant at doing this and saying, writing and drawing their own prayers so be led by them (I often am!) It's ok not to have all the answers – practically and spiritually – none of us do!

I am planning to add some resources over the next few days and weeks that might help you navigate this part of our journey together and if I can offer any particular virtual support please don't hesitate to contact me via email <u>c.simpson203@durhamlearning.net</u>

With my love and prayers

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