

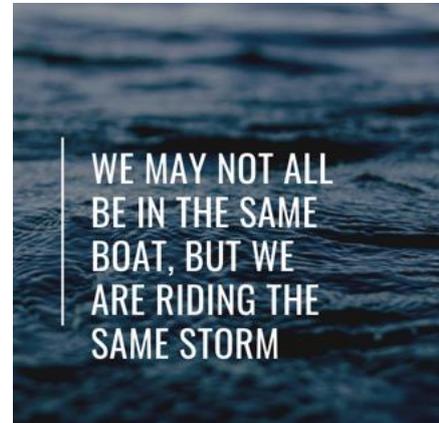
7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Families,

Once again we have completed a week of virtual learning – well done! The weather is looking good for tomorrow's VE celebrations and we are all hopeful for the continued sunshine and the chance to get outside on our additional bank holiday.

The mental health and wellbeing of our families and staff have been at the forefront of our thoughts this week. As parents and carers, the pressures of home-learning, balancing parenting and workload, and dealing with our own responsibilities and emotions is challenging.

We read a quote this week, which said, '*We are not all in the same boat, but we are riding the same storm.*' This was a poignant reminder of how different all our home situations are. Some of us are able to dedicate the day to home schooling one child, some of us are working from home with toddlers in tow, some of us are sharing one dodgy iPad between three children, some of us are shielding our families and dealing with grief. Some days nothing gets done. Some days, home learning is sacked off in favour of tv or garden time. Some days we whizz through the activities with time to spare. It's a reminder that we are all human and that there is no right or wrong way to navigate through these unusual times. It's a reminder to be kind to ourselves and our children and that what matters each day is that we do our best.



We have no further updates on the reopening of our school, despite the continued speculation in the press. As we mentioned last week, we are putting plans in place ready for when are told to reopen and discussing a host of variables to ensure that the children and staff are safe and well supported when this happens. As always, we will update you when we know more.

We wish you a wonderful VE Day tomorrow and a sunny weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Smith, Mrs Rogers and The Clanfield Team

We **can NOT** have  
The same **expectations** of  
ourselves as we would  
in a **normal week**  
because these are  
**NOT normal** weeks; be  
**patient** with yourself.

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of our community

Lucy and I would like to introduce ourselves as co-chairs of the Governing Board. Last month Duncan Collett stepped down as Chair. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Duncan for all his support and hard work during his time as a member of the Board and in his role as Chair.

With the full support of the Board, the Headteachers, the Diocese and County Council, Lucy and I have been voted on as co-chairs; Lucy has had experience of being Chair of the Governors and I have been Vice Chair for the last year. Between us we have 9 years of experience as Governors, so it made sense to us to work together as chairs. We are excited to work closely with the co-heads, supporting them deliver their aspirational vision for our lovely school.

COVID-19 has resulted in so many changes and presented numerous challenges. A huge amount of work is going on behind the scenes to keep the school running. Although the school is closed to the majority of children, the Headteachers and the Governors continue to work hard in partnership with the County Council and Diocese to ensure that the staff remain well, that the children are safe and that all of the Department of Education guidance is being implemented.

The school website is frequently updated, and you can see all the school policies key information including policies and minutes from the governing board meetings.

Thank you for all of your hard work at home with your children. We know that this is not an easy time in so many ways, for so many people. It is wonderful to see how the Clanfield community continues to care for each other and we look forward to the day when we can all celebrate the end of lockdown together.

Take care

Olivia Hawkins and Lucy Tulloch.