



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you safe and well during this unusual time.

At the beginning of this school year our bishop, Bishop Patrick McKinney, asked schools to help their communities to develop their relationships with God and with each other through the themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship, one theme for each term. The theme for this term is Missionary Discipleship.

In this theme we are encouraged to think about how we can be the face of Christ for others, how we can actively spread the Word and love of God to others by being outwardly facing Christians. In the difficult times we are in, this seems as important a thing to do as ever, albeit possibly more challenging given our current situation.

As a Diocese, we will be having a focus on Missionary Discipleship for the rest of this term in an effort to ensure our children and young people are still thinking about and reflecting on some of the things they would have been were they still at school. It will also be a powerful way for us to come together to have a positive impact on our communities and to share this good news as a diocese. It will hopefully be another way of keeping us all feeling connected as a Diocesan family.

Each week, during the live streamed '9.30am Club', on the You Tube channel 'NDCYSlive', there will be a short video exploring how we can be Missionary Disciples right now, with an action for young people to complete. Please get involved by sending a photo or short video of your child completing the action to me (jhopkins@srscomat.co.uk). A selection of these will be shown on the other NDCYS live streamed show, 'Friday night live' at 6pm.

We are hoping that this will be a powerful way of encouraging staff and students to be a positive influence in the lives of those around them and in their communities, whilst also being able to share and celebrate this at a diocesan level. Here is a link to the a video explaining the project:

<https://youtu.be/btJKaZ3aTPg>

I hope this is something which you and your child/children will enjoy getting involved with. Stay safe and God bless.

Yours faithfully

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