“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 4:6-7)

Our regular group of key worker and vulnerable students is increasing all the time in school as parents go back to work. Please pray for them and the staff in school, including teachers, senior management, caretakers, catering staff, administrative staff and cleaners as they continue to ensure a safe environment for the pupils and all staff on site.

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Please pray for the Senior Management Team, governors and staff as they prepare to manage the return to school for some students in year 10 and 12. Pray for staff as they continue to support all our pupils with distance learning and virtual learning. Remember pupils and staff who have underlying health issues for whom this return to some sort of ‘normality’ may be an anxious time.

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Continue to remember staff and pupils who have lost loved ones at this time. Please remember pupils who have lost parents in difficult circumstances and pray that they would find strength at this time. Pray for funeral arrangements and for the clergy who will be supporting them - albeit from a distance.

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As the Government begins to release restrictions please pray that people would abide by the rules and that we would avoid a second wave. Pray for our frontline NHS workers, those who work in ITU especially, that they would continue to manage the situation well and not be overwhelmed by cases. Pray for their health and safety.

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Continue to give thanks for those who have been restored to health and pray for those who are still ill.

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Continue to remember the Government as they gradually seek a way out of lockdown and have the very difficult task of balancing our Country’s economic needs with those of keeping us all safe. A delicate and difficult balance.

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Pray for ALL key workers in every capacity - shop workers, GPs and their practices, delivery drivers, teachers, teaching assistants, nursery and child care providers, Clergy, charity workers, funeral directors and social workers. Pray also for all those who are still running vital and essential services in order that we may remain safe.

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Pray for our school chaplains, all priests and ministers as they make plans for the re-opening of churches for private prayer. Pray for Bishop Philip and the Diocesan Coronavirus Task Group as they seek to advise and guide our churches. Pray that God would guide them in these plans and that our churches would be a safe environment.

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Pray that the Faith at home Bulletin would continue to have an impact on our pupils and sixth form students. Give thanks for the young people that took part in the Church of England’s recent video, The Oak National Academy’s Assembly on Humility. They were all STUNNING! Praise God for their witness and testimony.