

## **Important Diocesan Education Team Update #18, Mon 1 June 2020**

Dear colleagues,

We do hope all in your school communities continue to keep well and safe. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you navigate the further challenges posed by this week. Please find enclosed information which may be of interest to you.

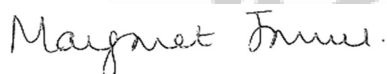
- **Cluster / Briefing meetings**
  - Thanks to those of you who have booked a place on our upcoming cluster / briefing sessions. If you have not contacted us already, please do get in touch with [Laura Farmer](#) to indicate which Zoom session you would prefer to attend:

<b>Headteacher Clusters / Briefings</b>	
Monday 15 June	1.30pm - 2.30pm
Tuesday 16 June	10am - 11am
Wednesday 17 June	4pm - 5pm

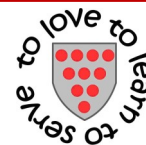
- **Letter from Bryan Allbut, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) & Worcester Diocese Academies Trust (WDAT)**
  - We are delighted to share with you the attached letter from Bryan Allbut in light of the further changes you may be experiencing in school this week.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself (07500 559 783), or Tim (0791 927 4194) if you have any queries, or even if you just need a listening ear. We are here for you.

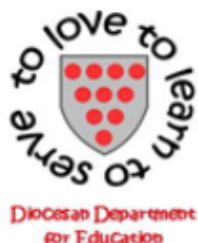
With best wishes,



**Margaret James**  
**Diocesan Director of Education (DDE)**



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**Bryan Allbut**  
Chair of DBE & WDAT

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Dear Headteacher,

On behalf of the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) and the Worcester Diocese Academies Trust (WDAT) I wanted to write to thank you, your staff, your governors or Trust Board for all your efforts since the government announcement that schools should shut for all but vulnerable children, or the children of key workers.

I know that tremendous work has gone into continuing to provide education both on school sites and for children learning at home. Equally important has been the work going on to ensure children are safe. Thank you for all you and your colleagues have done in this vital area.

As schools gradually extend their opening there will be new challenges which will test leadership, patience and resilience. You, your colleagues, governors, pupils and students will be in our thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks.

With best wishes,

**Bryan Allbut**  
Chair of DBE & WDAT