



RC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

The Right Reverend Bishop Alan S Hopes B.D. A.K.C.
Bishop of East Anglia

The White House
21 Ugate
Poringland
Norwich
NR14 7SH

Tel: 01508 492202
Fax: 01508 495358
eMail: bishop@rcdea.org.uk

19 January 2021

To School Staff

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to once again express my gratitude to all of you who are involved in Catholic Education in the Diocese of East Anglia, in these extremely challenging times. I would like you all to know how much I appreciate you and the tremendous work you are undertaking.

First, I would like to thank all our Headteachers and school leaders for all you have done to keep our schools open. I thank, also, the Directors of our Academy Trusts and our Governing Bodies for the strategic support you have given at this time. The constantly changing landscape and responsibilities have made leadership very difficult and hard to plan and predict.

Second, I thank all Teachers, Teaching Assistants and the support staff in our schools. You have shown tireless energy and great resilience in managing during such complex and challenging times. The Diocesan Education Team regularly keep me up to date and I am amazed by the many different issues with which you are dealing each week. I am aware that you are trying to keep schools open as well as producing high quality online learning. I know that you are also showing concern for all the families in your community while still seeking to balance the well-being of your own families. I also know that Covid has impacted on the personal lives of many of you and yet you still put the welfare of children and young people at the forefront. Be assured that in this time of uncertainty you bring some continuity to the lives of so many whether it be in school, or virtually, and I know that parents appreciate this.



RC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

The White House
21 Ugate
Poringland
Norwich
NR14 7SH

The Right Reverend Bishop Alan S Hopes B.D. A.K.C.
Bishop of East Anglia

Tel: 01508 492202
Fax: 01508 495358
eMail: bishop@rcdea.org.uk

We have all needed to change the way in which we live during this past year. As the vaccine is becoming more available for everyone, let us continue to pray and hope that 2021 will bring us closer to a positive way forward.

Please be assured of my continued prayers and may God protect and bless you, your families and all who are dear to you.

With warmest good wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

The Right Reverend Alan S Hopes
Bishop of East Anglia