

This plan contains some ideas of how you can mark the returning of your pupils back into school after being apart for so long. Some of these ideas are different to the long term plan on the Diocese website. The two videos follow Term 4 Week 3 on the plan. As usual, please adapt and tweak to suit your context and cohort of children.

A prayer for our leaders and teachers:

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.

As we talk to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work and your loving deeds and thank God for all you have done. (1 Thessalonians 1:2)

We pray that you will be strengthened with his glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need.

May you always be filled with joy. (Colossians 1: 11)

Amen

Suggested order and ideas:

Day 1 - Welcome Back! Ideally lead by leadership team to whole School

- So lovely to see you all.
- Who are we? - draw strength as you recap your school Bible story.
- How does this Bible story help us remember what is important to us at our school?
- Pray for each other and for bringing us all back together.

Day 2 - Welcome Back! Class led worship

- How are you feeling about being back in school?
- Is there anything that is worrying you?
- What is bringing you joy about being back in school?

Isaiah 41:10 - Share this promise with the children. It is a promise God gave to Isaiah to share with his people. How does this promise make you feel? How might it help you as we adjust to being back in school?

Prayer activity - Give each child a blank person outline and get them to decorate it so it looks like them. Invite each child to write a prayer or reflection on the back. Talk to God about your fears, what is bringing you joy and how you would like God to help you.

Then join all of the people together to create your 'rejoined' class. Place this chain of people in your prayer space.

Invite the children to say this prayer together:
Dear God,



Thank you for each other and that we are able to come back together as a class.
 For when we are feeling anxious, be close to us.
 For when we are feeling happy, be joyful with us.
 For when we are feeling sad, bring us comfort.
 Help us to look after each other by being kind and supportive.
 Amen.

Video 1 - Put on love (part 1)

This overview plan accompanies the collective worship video that can be found here: <https://youtu.be/T7zsvBiEAY8>
 Please ensure you watch any video clips to ensure they are suitable for your context.

Gather 	Engage 	Respond 	Send 
<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle “The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>How has your week been so far? How does it feel to be back at school with your friends?</p> <p>What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given? Advice can be helpful and really make you think about how you behave or act, but sometimes it can feel like nagging! My Mum always used to make me think before I spoke if it isn’t kind or helpful don’t say it. This has really helped me in my life. However, my Grandma used to tell me off for going out of the house with wet hair, but sometimes this can’t be helped!</p> <p>I wonder who gives you advice? How has it helped you think or change your behaviour or actions?</p> <p>For Christians, the Bible is filled with advice and guidance to help them live a wise and sensible life. I want to share some advice with you as you get used to be being back in school with all your friends. This passage is from a letter St Paul wrote to the church in Colossus.</p> <p>Colossians 3: 12-14 Clothe yourself in love Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another.</p>	<p>Spend some time now being still and quiet as you reflect on how could live out this Bible verse and clothe yourself in love.</p> <p>I invite you now to join in with this prayer: Dear God, Thank you for all the wise advice in the Bible, especially this Bible verse that reminds how we should treat each other. Help us to be patient, forgiving, compassionate and loving towards each other, even when it is difficult. Thank you for our school, our teachers and all those who care for us. Amen.</p>	<p>So, how might this verse help you respond, act and speak to others in school? I hope by putting on love, we can be patient and forgiving towards each other when we are finding things difficult.</p> <p>Go in joy, go in love, go in peace as you remember to put on love.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>



On top of all this you must put on love.

What do you think of the advice in these verses?
 What does it mean to clothe yourself in love, compassion, kindness and patience? Or to put on love?
 Pause the video and have a conversation now with your class about what you think this means?

I wonder what you think this verse means?
 I think it means that when you are about to speak or act you remember to be patient, gentle, forgiving, and loving. Adjusting to being back in school is going to be difficult for everyone at times, so if we can remember this when we are about to speak or act it might change how we respond.



You might like to listen to this song - it is a song Christians sing to help them remember this Bible verse.
 'Put on love' by Maverick City Music
<https://youtu.be/nbOsM7PP7bo>



You might like to sing this song
 'Golden Rule' by Nick and Becky Drake
<https://youtu.be/uOFGlCSYvls>

Video 2 - We are a team! (part 2)

This overview plan accompanies the collective worship video that can be found here: <https://youtu.be/lfj8Rdg0tDc>
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Please note this video contains images of fire ants!

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Welcome to Worship Light the candle "The Lord be with you"	I wonder if you saw the recent David Attenborough programmes about the planet? In one of the episodes, it showed a colony of fire ants in South America who work together to save themselves from the rising waters in the rainforest. Each ant cooperates with each other to form a living raft of ants. By clinging on to each other they are able to float on the water to safety. If one ant falls off, they send out a 'ant line' to rescue them and bring them back to the safety of the group.	Yesterday we talked about the difference it would make to our class if we put on love and were kind and patient with each other. What difference would it make to our class if we worked as a team and cooperated with each other?	So, remember to look out for each other, because together you are stronger! Is there someone you need to reach out to in support or friendship - make sure no one gets left behind!



	<p>You might like to pause CW and watch the clip of the Fire Ants from the BBC programme - Perfect Planet. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p091vxjm</p> <p>It is amazing to see these ants working together like this.</p> <p>When you co-operate, it means you work together with someone else or do what they ask you to do.</p> <p>Here are some quotations about co-operation: 'A problem shared is a problem halved'. 'Few burdens are too heavy when everyone lifts'. 'Better together'. 'No one gets left behind'</p> <p>Pause the video and discuss together as a class: What does cooperation mean to you? What difference would it make to us as a class if we cooperated well?</p> <p>I'm going to tell you a story from the Bible when a group of friends cooperated with each other to help out their other friend.</p> <p>Mark 2: 1-12 - 4 Friends bring their paralysed friend to Jesus.</p> <p>What did this story make you think of?</p> <p>How did the friends co-operate with each other? What difference did it make when they worked together?</p>	<p>How might you work together like the fire ants? How could you look after each other, support those who are struggling, reach out an arm of help for those who are feeling lost?</p> <p>We are better together!</p> <p>I invite you to join me in this prayer: Thank you, God, for our school and my class. Help us to work together as a team, to cooperate, support and care for each other.</p> <p>Thank you, God, that you made us to be with others and I give you thanks today for all my friends in my class.</p> <p>Amen.</p> <p>Amen.</p>	<p>Go into this week filled with love, joy and peace as you bring strength to your class as you work together as a team.</p> <p>Amen</p> <p>Blow out the candle</p>
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Day 5 - Celebrate being back together!

- How has this week been? What would you like to celebrate?
- How are you feeling?
- Have you been able to 'put on love' this week?

You might also like to spend time thinking about those who care for us, as **Mothering Sunday** is on 14th March
 See Year C Term 4, Week 3 for ideas of how you could do this.

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/childrenandyoungpeople/our-schools/collective-worship/a-fresh-approach-to-collective-worship/>

