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Dear Parents and carers,

This really has been a week of two halves, gloriously sunny, with soaring temperatures and now grey skies with a chill in the air; numbers of pupils in the 20s at the start of the week, rising to well over 200 on Wednesday; it's been a very positive start to the reopening of school.

Throughout the week though, the news has shifted in focus from the Coronavirus to the horrific murder of George Floyd in America and the protests, both peaceful and violent, across the world.

I watched a clip on the news, where two little American, black children were seen to be sobbing, asking their mother why people didn't understand that we are all the same except for the colour of our skin, I thought to myself 'out of the mouths of babes'. With all that is being shown on TV, I wonder if you can find the time to talk to your child about exactly what it is all about and explain the power they will have as citizens of the future, to change attitudes. The teachers have been asked to plan some work on diversity, to assist with these conversations.

I leave you with a prayer and the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, from August 1963:

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character".

It is impossible to comprehend that these words are as relevant today in America, as they were then.

Dear Lord,

We celebrate at St Mary's, our amazing diversity of size, shape, colour, and giftedness:
Guide us to recognise the beauty and presence of all whom you have made,
Give us gifts of humility and generosity of spirit, to practice your commandment to "love one another", bringing harmony and peace among people of every colour. Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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