

nishkamschool west london



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Dear Parents / Carers,

We know that there are more challenging times ahead following the government announcement last night. We were so saddened to hear that we will not see the vast majority of our wonderful pupils face to face for another few weeks. However, we continue to show determination and it has been very positive to see all the staff and pupils engaged in live teaching/learning across both phases of the school today. We had great engagement from the pupils and everyone was pleased to see each other virtually.

There are always going to be a few glitches but we are sure that the more we get used to using Microsoft Teams, the better we will all become. One useful tip for parents is to download the Microsoft Teams app and get pupils to login with their Office 365 details. This is much more reliable than using the web version. It was also unfortunate that the 'Show My Homework' site crashed today but we are pleased to inform you that these issues seem to have been resolved and it is working again now.

In these difficult times, we must try and remind ourselves that we have got through this together once before and that we are even better placed to do it again drawing from all that we learned last year. We leave you with two reflections to remind us that we are not alone in dealing with these challenges and that there are better times ahead, but we just have to be patient. If you are facing any difficulties or would like further support, please do get in touch as we are always here to support you.

Best wishes,

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## Footprints in the sand

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you

Never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

