

OPPORTUNITY

OPPORTUNITY to change what needs to be changed, to reflect on what matters to us and if we'd like to do anything differently. How do we learn from this experience, now that we know we can question even seemingly fixed aspects of our world?

What is opportunity?

The word *crisis* in the Japanese language is made up of two characters, a time of *danger* and a time of *opportunity*. Opportunity means a favourable, an opportune, time to do something. The Coronavirus crisis brings dangers, but also opportunities. Here, we focus on the opportunities.

Why is opportunity important now?

There is an incredible opportunity right now for us individually and collectively to rethink what matters and reshape what we do and how we do it. The disruption that we are experiencing from 'life as normal' has brought an opportunity for us to reflect: to reflect on what really matters, to reflect on what we do and why we do it, to think afresh about things that we may have taken for granted.

We have seen so many things we thought could not happen, happen. While this has been threatening, it also opens up our sense of possibility for what could be.

How can we make the most of the opportunities that this crisis brings?

With the Senior Leadership Team and with the staff group:

- How can we capture collectively our individual reflections?
- What thoughts have we been having about our school, about what matters, about how we work?
- What have we come to realise that we value most about our school, our work, our colleagues, our children and their families?
- Based on what we value, what areas of school life can we change for the better?

With staff:

- What opportunities does your subject area offer to help us reconnect as a community after being apart from one another?
- What have you come to realise really matters about your subject area? How are you planning to change what you teach and how you teach?

With children:

- What did you enjoy from doing things differently for a while, that you think we should learn from?
- What did you miss about school?
- What things are really important to you about our school?
- Based on what's really important, how can we make our school even better?