

RESTORE

RECOGNITION of what's happened and that our experiences during lockdown have all been different, life-changing for many and significant for us all. How do we encourage everyone to share their story of the pandemic so far?

EMPATHY for the mix of emotions that we have in response to events at home, in school, the community and in the wider world. How can we respond with empathy, compassion and self-care, whether we are staff, students or parents?

SAFETY will be paramount, both emotional and physical. How do we re-establish a sense of safety for this new normal so that students are able to learn and all are able to thrive? How do we help those who may have felt unsafe whilst they've been away from school, feel safe again?

TRAUMA is now a collective as well as an individual experience, how does the school community process this? How do we support people who have experienced very particular traumas during lockdown or who are facing an even more uncertain future?

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?

RELATIONSHIPS are key, as they always have been. How do we reconnect, and (re-)build inclusive, responsive relationship at all levels in school?

ENGAGEMENT in our own health and well-being and with the issues that affect us: our teaching, learning and community. How do we foster a culture that enables staff and students to have ownership of and agency in their lives?

RESTORE provides a restorative perspective that can inform how we plan for the return to the classrooms, playgrounds and corridors of physical schools.

It highlights seven key areas which, alongside learning, are where we need to stimulate thinking and make decisions in order to collectively move forward into a healthy 'new normal'. The areas intersect, interconnect and affect each other, as we all do. RESTORE is a lens through which staff, children and parents can look at the strategy and plans that are needed for everyone's well-being in a fast changing environment and for a safe and healthy return to school.

