



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - Community Assembly

### *A Start*

*Welcome back to your School! It is just so wonderful to see you all. I ask you to bow your heads as I share a moment of reflection with you to start your day with us.*

What an extraordinary few months this has been.

Covid-19 has caused fear, and for some loss. We have had to cope with separation and isolation from family and friends. Families are struggling with finances and broader worries.

We have all been appalled by the events that have unfolded in America, with the brutal mistreatment and death of George Floyd. This has energised us all with a determination to challenge racism and discrimination.

As a School, we have embarked on a significant piece of work: **change@cchs**, which I urge you to engage with. I will be talking to many of you at lunchtime, to hear your thoughts, to help inform my own understanding. Your voices are vital to this work.

And now, here we are back in our School. Things are different at the moment; but this is a start. There has been much talk of a 'new normal'. Some of this relates to things we must do differently. Let us, now, commit ourselves to shaping our own 'new normal'. Let us all have a good and positive day, working with your teachers and being thoughtful and respectful to each other.

Have a great day - thank you.

*Mr Lawlor*