



Hello everyone!

The OLICAT Trust Chaplaincy Team is inviting you to join our schools in creating a Garden of Hope.

One thing we have enjoyed whilst being stuck at home during this time of lockdown are the flowers in our gardens and in the countryside. So much hope comes from seeing the bleak and empty garden of the wintertime blossom into a beautiful, colourful mass of flowers and plants!

There is always hope...and we thought one way for us all to unite our OLICAT schools at this time, would be to put our thoughts down onto the template of a flower and create our own gardens of hope for when we return to school. This expression can take many different forms. Choose **one** of the ideas listed below which works for you. You may have a better idea! You may want to choose more than one idea.

What do I have to do?

Handwritten Option

- ❖ Create a flower template, there are some ideas attached that you could print or copy.
- ❖ Write a response about how you are feeling and what you hope for. Ideas include:
 - Writing a poem about the good things at home during lockdown;
 - Writing a prayer for those in need;
 - Writing a personal prayer giving thanks, showing gratitude, giving a shout out.
- ❖ Take a photograph and explain why it represents the time of lockdown for you, expressing what you would like to see happening in the future.
- ❖ Send your photo and explanation to the School Office: office@sgcps.org
- ❖ We will send this on to OLICAT and your name, school and work will be added to the Garden of Hope on their website.

Typed Option

- ❖ Choose one of the Word flower templates on the school website.
- ❖ Type a response about how you are feeling and what you hope for. Ideas include:
 - Writing a poem about the good things at home during lockdown;
 - Writing a prayer for those in need;
 - Writing a personal prayer giving thanks, showing gratitude, giving a shout out.
- ❖ Explain why it represents the time of lockdown for you, expressing what you would like to see happening in the future.
- ❖ Send your document and explanation to the School Office: office@sgcps.org
- ❖ We will send this on to OLICAT and your name, school and work will be added to the Garden of Hope on their website.

If you would like to use different fonts, colours, clip art etc., – in fact anything to make your flower stand out – please do! This activity is about your thoughts but you may also like to encourage your family to express their thoughts too. You could send in a family collection of thoughts and flowers. Each expression of thought should be displayed on a flower template before sending.

Send your finished flower and expressions of hope to the School Office: admin@sgcps.org. These will then be sent on to OLICAT, with your first name and the name of our school. Keep a look out on the OLICAT website, in the Chaplaincy section, for your flowers to pop up in our 'Garden of Hope'. <https://www.olicatschools.org/>

Looking further ahead, the printed versions of your thoughts, prayers and poems will be displayed back at school in a way which will connect our recent past experiences with the present moment and all our hope for the future too!

I look forward to seeing all your flowers blooming!

Mrs Darwin

**No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame.**

-Psalm 25:3









