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Red chair project report by Loughlinn and Hollie



Loughlinn:

I've learnt that not all children are lucky enough to go to school even when coronavirus wasn't around. Because of the extreme poverty in some of the less established countries they simply can't afford schools all around the country but also because their families might need them to work for more money.

My experience with the children from the other schools was that not all children are constantly in school, because of coronavirus they have not been able to be always in school so they will have 2 weeks in school and 2 weeks out.

Well, some of them felt really uncomfortable about not being in school and would cry all night but some just went along with it and weren't too bothered but a very few number of people loved it and did want to come back in to school.

When at home it kind of made me feel like being someone not able to have education because you don't go to school but just watch and listen to teachers on a screen. But then when I think about it at least still we got to learn because all those children won't be able to learn at all.

Yes, I think it is very important to raise awareness on the people who don't have education because the people in the less wealthy country's need young people to come through and be clever to get them out of poverty. And I would just start giving more education to children a few year and then everyone will have education in a couple of decades.

I most enjoyed meeting the other pupils from the schools and listening about their opinions on the pandemic. I also liked how everyone had different enjoyments when learning from home.

Hollie:

What I have learned from taking part in the red chair project is that some children have been affected more than others during and before the pandemic.

Some children have had to stay in lockdown more that others and some have to stagger when they go into school. But luckily, we have fully returned, for now.

But we also have to think about how before the pandemic and how some children didn't have education like us. Some because of money and some because there are little or no schools where they live. They also wouldn't have been able to buy the devices during online school.

I think it is very important to raise awareness of these people because it is not their fault. It may be because of money, it may be just because they are a poor country but seventy-two million children is, in my opinion, to many to leave out. I think we could help this by raising awareness that these children are out there.

Doing the red chair project has opens my eyes at how many people are suffering. But it has also shown me that there is hope for the future. It was also very fun interacting with other Jesuit schools in different places and learning about the differences and similarities of how people have been affected by Covid-19.