

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We never thought we would be writing to you under these circumstances; stopping and spending time at home with family this weekend made us realise the severity of the situation we are in. School life last week meant we all just kept going; our school community pulled together and we are so very proud of our children, staff and Governing Body for their unending support last week.

To our key worker parents that have requested a school place, the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in our school, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. **Any child that can be at home, should be at home.** Please avoid coming into the school/office unless you really need to.

If you no longer need a school place, please notify us immediately. Last night we were asked to share our attendance figures with the Government every day. We aim to work towards having a skeleton staff in school to reduce contact between our school community. Staff will work in teams and the teams will rotate each week. However, if we are unable to stay open due to staff shortage, the local educational authority will find an alternative school for your child to attend.

From Tuesday 24th March, York Class (Yr 4,5&6 children) will be based in the Year 3 classroom. Please drop off and pick up via the prayer garden door. The Junior door will no longer be opened. We are no longer receiving fruit deliveries for Infant free morning snack, if you would like your child to have a snack, please send it in with them.

If a child or a parent is self-isolating due to coronavirus-like symptoms (persistent new cough OR high temperature – 37.8 degrees plus) the isolation period for the WHOLE HOUSEHOLD (not just the individual displaying the symptoms) is now 14 DAYS from the onset of symptoms.

To all parents, please remember that you should do everything you can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Some parents have requested timetables to replicate school life at home, unfortunately we will not be able to do this as school life is very different to home life. Please do not worry about doing too much, too little or not doing the right thing. Right now, your children are seeing the best of you as you think of others and give to others, deal with problems that didn't previously exist and protect the vulnerable through self-sacrifice. You are teaching them a life lesson in resilience. Keep strong!

As we need to minimize contact between visitors to our school, we will not be organising a pick up of school items such as PE kits that have been left here for children that are working from home. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



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Ideas for home learning can be found on our website, click on Curriculum, Our Learning and then the class page for your child. Our twitter feed @StMClitherow will also show home learning activities and it is visible on the front page of our website, you do not need to subscribe to twitter to see it. You can tag @StMClitherow to show us the fun your children are having at home! We will tweet images of activities we're doing in school and you can replicate them at home if you wish.

Our admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk and school phone number will be available – if you need any advice, help or support please do not hesitate in contacting us. Please keep our School Community in your prayers. Stay safe!



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