

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Thank you for your support yesterday, for your calm and considered response in relation to the current Coronavirus pandemic. We are continuing to do all we can minimise the spread of COVID-19 with good hygiene and is following all the advice from Public Health, Herts County Council and the Diocese of Westminster.

As you may be aware, the **government has updated its COVID-19 guidance; if one person in any household starts to display symptoms (a new or continuous cough or a high temperature - 37.8 degrees plus), everyone living there must stay home for 14 days. Current families that are self-isolating must now remain at home for 14 days, not the 7 previously advised. This is not negotiable.**

All our staff will be expected to follow this advice, and we ask you to ensure that your children do so too. At the time of writing we do not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school community. If we are told of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school community we will notify you via parentmail. However, we have several children, parents and some staff members self-isolating having followed the recent Government guidance. If your children are absent from school because they are ill, please continue to contact the school in the usual manner.

Following Government advice, the school does not intend to close. However, should the logistic operation of the school be compromised by an increase in staff absence due to the new isolation measures, we may need to restrict access to the school for particular year groups, key stages or indeed the whole school. This would be a last resort temporary measure until enough staff were available to operate the school.

Following today's Government advice to avoid all unnecessary social contact, we have decided to cancel the Year 3 & 4 Easter Play and Parent Consultations this term. We apologise for any upset and inconvenience this will cause. Parent Consultations will be rearranged for the Summer Term.

If your child is currently self-isolating, please check the class pages on our website with websites your child could interact with. Please visit our website, click on Curriculum, our Learning and then click the first tab on the drop-down menu – this will take you to the class pages which include websites you could use at home.

We will continue to provide updates as the situation continues to develop and would ask that you inform the school of any contact your family may have had with a person with symptoms or who has tested positive.

We thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

God Bless

Carmela Puccio
Headteacher

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Chair of Governors



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