

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Once again, we must start this letter with an enormous thank you for your support and wishes over this unprecedented time. The staff team met this morning before school and emotions were running high as we look to say goodbye to some of our children and put plans into place for next week.

The 12pm deadline for key worker form completion has now passed. Thank you to those parents that were ready with their key information this morning at such short notice.

Please remember that the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. **Please be reminded that any child that can be at home, should be at home.** A number of parents this morning said they will only need a school place on certain days and that is absolutely fine.

Please note that if we are unable to stay open due to staff shortage, the Government will work with the local educational authority, regional school commissioners and neighbouring providers to find an alternative school for your child to attend.

Can I please remind you that 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. These guidelines are still in place.

As you can imagine, school life will be very different next week as we cater for the broader age range, abilities and the interests of the children and will be dependent upon the experience of the staff available. We have decided on the following class structure:

- Nursery and Reception children will be called **Margaret Class** and will be based in the Reception Classroom.
- Year 1, 2 & 3 children will be called **Clitherow Class** and will be based in the Year 1 Classroom.
- Year 4, 5 & 6 children will be called **York Class** and will be based in the Year 6 Classroom.

Please note this structure of classing is subject to change!

Due to reduced staffing, we will only open the Infant gate each day. Pick up and drop off needs to be at the classroom door your child is based in. We have been told that our kitchen will be open as normal next week, so if your child usually orders a school dinner this provision will continue to be available to them. Universal free meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be available as usual.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you will not be attending school next week, we will aim to have the packed lunches delivered to your home between 11am – 12pm.



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I have been asked to pass on the following information by the Local Authority, Parents should also do everything they 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.

All of our children's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. Please find resources and ideas for home learning on our main website, click on Curriculum, Our Learning and then the specific class page for your child. We will continue to update these pages over the coming weeks. Our twitter feed @StMClitherow will also show home learning tasks and it is visible on the front page of our website, you do not need to subscribe to twitter to see it.

Our admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk and school number will be available to all our community – if you need any advice, help or support please do not hesitate in contacting us. You and your children are valued members of our school community, you may not all be with us here next week, but you continue to be in our minds and hearts.

Please keep our School Community in your prayers.

God Bless



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Headteacher



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Chair of Governors

