

# ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I have just finished meeting with the team to go through plans for the school and staff are now preparing to move to home learning. I will be meeting again with teachers this afternoon to finalise these plans.

**Our critical worker list is currently incredibly high. Please do not assume that just because you have completed a form, you will be allocated a place. We must ensure our school community stays safe and that might mean limiting the numbers.**

Please note that absence of staff due to self-isolating could lead to either a partial or full closure of the school if not enough staff are available to ensure the safe operation of the school day.

I will be sending a parentmail to the critical worker parents that have been allocated a place later today to confirm if your child has a place for tomorrow. If a place has been confirmed for your child, we will follow all the routines and systems that are already in place. This includes our one-way system, social distancing, not approaching classroom doors, PE on Wednesdays and Fridays (please wear PE kits on these days, school uniform on the other days), ventilation, the need for layers and following the staggered drop off and collection times etc. **Can I please remind you that you MUST wear a mask when on the school site unless you are exempt.**

As mentioned in previous letters, we will be using Google Classroom to deliver our remote learning. If you have not already done so, please log into the platform. Teachers will upload work Monday to Friday, and they will be contactable on Google Classroom throughout the normal school hours. If you have difficulties logging in, please contact the school office and we can reset your password and support you.

School has access to laptops that we can lend to families if necessary, however, we will expect you to sign a disclaimer form. Telephone contact can still take place with the school via the office telephone number. Work can be printed in school for collection if necessary.

There is an expectation that you support your child's engagement with remote learning from home. However, I appreciate that for some families this will be incredibly difficult as you will be working from home, please do what you can, when you can. There will be no pressure put on you from school. Teachers will engage with pupil's work and give feedback using the various features on Google Classroom so please either 'turn in' their completed work or take a photo of it and upload it to Google Classroom. Please do not send work in via our admin address.

We will continue to teach the same curriculum as we would in school. However, we may need to make some modifications in some subjects. We will use a combination of approaches to teach the children remotely. Please note that teachers will not be providing live lessons. Following guidance from the Government, teachers will set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. For primary aged children, the Government suggests 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort.



Jesus lives in us, our families, our school, our Church, our world. Jesus is our guide, let us follow Him  
At St Margaret Clitherow School we are committed to Safeguarding Children

Please note that staff will be in school (so long as they are well enough) managing vulnerable children and children of critical workers as well as planning for home learners. I ask that you are patient with us and with the Google Classroom platform.

Staff will make telephone contact with your child once a week to see how they are getting on. If you miss the call, please call the school office and they will try to transfer you to the member of staff calling.

I will also aim to deliver a weekly Zoom assembly with grouped classes – further details to follow!

Please pass on the message below to your child/children.

Please continue to keep the school community in your prayers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Miss Puccio  
Headteacher

To our wonderful children at St. Margaret Clitherow School

I hope you are all having a nice day at home today. I am sorry we had to close suddenly today but following on from Boris Johnson's announcement last night we had to close to prepare for home learning and prepare for children that could still come to school. I wish I could have you all in school but that is just not possible at the moment.

Your teachers and teaching assistants will start uploading your home learning activities onto Google Classroom for you to complete at home. Please remember that mums and dads might be having to work at home so be patient! Please also be patient with your teachers as they are working with the children that have been able to come into school.

School will stay in touch with you over the coming weeks. We will telephone you and we will even try to do some grouped class assemblies on Zoom! I will try my best boys and girls, but it will be very different this time as lots of you will be at home and I will have more screens to worry about!

Do not forget to get mums and dads to email in photos of you at home, I will tweet them and share them with the rest of the community. We enjoy seeing your photos from home here in school too!

Please stay safe at home, look out for your family. Maybe some of our older children could help their younger brothers and sisters with some of the activities. Do your best with your learning, show mums and dads what superstars you are!

I look forward to hearing about your home learning in the weeks to come.

Stay safe and best wishes

Miss Puccio

