

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I was planning to send this update to you yesterday, however, our internet was down so I was not able to. Teachers went home as soon as their class had left to respond to questions on Google Classroom and give their feedback. Staff were unable to make any telephone calls yesterday, which has made them a day behind with the contact with their children. We will catch up!

You will have received and read yesterday morning's letter regarding the positive COVID-19 notification. We sent a short parentmail before school to our Nursery class, to catch the Nursery parents before they set off for school. Our Nursery class will all move over to remote learning via Google Classroom. Our Nursery staff will aim to contact their children from home, please be aware they will withhold their numbers so it will show as a 'no caller ID'. If you have any questions about login details, please do not hesitate to contact us. Siblings of the children in Nursery must also stay home as the current guidance states that if you are at home you must keep all children with you. Siblings can access their learning via Google Classroom.

We are almost half-way through the first half of the Spring term. We are averaging around 65 – 75 pupils in school each day and staffing levels fluctuate daily due to illness. Thank you to our critical worker families that have reduced their children's time in school when working various shift patterns. **Can I please remind the other critical worker families that if you are at home due to a scheduled day off, you MUST keep your child/children at home with you. Also, even if you are a critical worker, your child/children should be kept at home if there is another adult at home to care for them. You should only bring your child into school when there is no other possible alternative.** We need to work together to reduce the number of children that we have in school each day. Please continue to notify the school if your critical worker child will not be in school.

Once again, I cannot thank you enough for your support with the home learning lessons and activities that have been set on Google Classroom. Teachers have really enjoyed seeing the learning from home. Please continue to use the private message facility to keep in contact with your child's class teacher. It is worth looking at your child's work from the previous day as the teacher will comment on the work they receive. If you are having difficulties uploading any work, please call the office and I can talk you through how to do it.

This morning we received a delivery of lateral flow testing kits for staff along with some guidance. Staff will be asked to complete the testing twice a week before coming into school. This means that we may need to close classes or the entire school at short notice due to staffing difficulties or because of a positive test result. I will of course notify classes if there is a closure and the need to self-isolate.

Last week we had approximately 110 pupils take part in our Zoom assemblies. It was wonderful to see the children. Zoom codes for this week were sent on Monday. Please remember to save your child's



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name/surname as the Zoom ID otherwise I will not be able to admit them into the assembly. You should be able to change the name whilst you are waiting in the waiting room.

Please be reminded that school has access to laptops that we can lend to families if necessary. If your home situation has changed and you need financial support, please contact the school as we may be able to help you.

Please do not forget to keep in contact with the school and email in photos of the children doing their activities so we can tweet and share them with the rest of the school community.

Please stay safe and continue to keep the school community in your prayers.

Yours sincerely



Miss Puccio
Headteacher

