

# ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is day 1 of home learning and school only being open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. We have 74 children in the school building today. I would like to remind the critical worker parents that if you have other childcare provision at home or you are working shifts you should not bring your child to school. Please only use the offer of our provision when it is crucial for you to undertake your critical role. Please notify the office if your child will not be in school on certain days. **Your child should only be in school if you have no other childcare in place at home. The more children that attend our school, the wider the risk of spreading the virus grows. Please do not put our community at any extra unnecessary risk.** Can I also remind parents the importance of following current Government lockdown guidelines, which includes mixing and distancing from other families – even when wearing a mask. Thank you to the parents that followed all guidance from the school and for your best wishes this morning.

I hope home learning is going well, I can see that lots of families have engaged with the platform already, well done! If you are having difficulties logging in, please do contact the school office. You can 'private message' the teacher if you have any questions about the learning set for your child. Staff are in school balancing home learning and learning for the children in class with them, just be aware that it may take some time for them to reply.

I am incredibly proud of the team here; overnight they have switched from classroom-based teaching to preparing home learning activities. It will take time for us to best make use of the platform for home learning, we just ask that you are patient with us! As mentioned in my letter yesterday, we ask that you do what you can, when you can. Like us, overnight you have had to switch/balance different roles. We are all in this together and we can do it!

Please be reminded that we can provide paper packs of the work posted online that can then be collected from the school. We can also loan laptops to families that are struggling with technology at home. Please contact the school office if necessary.

Starting next week, 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.

**Please note that we are not fully staffed today.** 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 apologise now, as this information may be shared with parents at short notice.**

Can I please remind you that if you or your child show any of the symptoms of COVID-19 – a high temperature (37.8 °C or more) or a new continuous cough or a change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you must not come into school and follow Government guidelines regarding testing and isolation. Testing is available and anyone (staff and children) showing signs or symptoms will be expected to be tested. **You must inform us of the outcome of a test as soon as possible. If you need to contact us out of school hours please email [admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk) This account is monitored out of school hours, including weekends and holidays.**



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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 continue to keep the school community in your prayers.

Yours sincerely



Miss Puccio  
Headteacher



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