



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

19th March 2020 - 8.15 a.m.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : CORONAVIRUS UPDATED - SCHOOL CLOSURE TO MOST CHILDREN

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means. We are expecting an announcement today.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure - as you may have heard in the news - so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by email, text and facebook.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

- All children present in school over the next two days will bring learning packs home. Those who are currently not in school will be sent learning via email
- Weekly, you will receive an email of work set for your child. We will endeavour to send this on a Monday, but as situations change this may be other days
- **We will not expect this work to be returned to School**
- All children should have Mathletics, Charanga and Purple Mash log ins to access activities online

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- Attached are some parent tips to support you during the period of the closure

Please ensure that you are checking your emails and if you have access to our Facebook page, please keep checking this.

The office email is your point of contact with the school during this time. However, **PLEASE** only use this for urgent contact.

Please do not ask for more work as the work that your child is emailed on a Monday is their work for the week.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via the school office.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online.

This is a very sad situation that no-one wants to be in. We will be doing our utmost best with the situation we are faced with and the staff we have at our disposal.

We are praying for everyone's health and safety during this time and should we be able to offer any support to you please contact us and we will do our best.

Thank you again for your continued support. The messages we received from parents and carers yesterday meant a lot to the staff.

We will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,



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