



St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School

Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

18th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update as to how the school is dealing with the evolving situation regarding the Coronavirus.

What is the current situation?

- The school remains open – this is the official current guidance that we have been issued with.
- All extra-curricular clubs will continue as normal as long as we have staff available.
- External sporting competitions are not currently taking place.
- After School Club and Breakfast Club will continue as normal as long as we have staff available.
- If there are any changes to the above, parents will be informed by text message.

Follow NHS and Government Guidelines (Please check for any daily changes)

- If you have symptoms - a cough or high temperature, stay at home for 7 days.
- If you live with other people they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person showed symptoms.
- If your child develops a cough or high temperature in school we must contact you for you to take your child home. The whole family must follow NHS advice.

What are we doing to protect and support pupils and staff?

- All children have had additional lessons on the importance of washing their hands and general hygiene.
- We talk to children in an age appropriate way about any anxiety or worries which they may have regarding Coronavirus.
- All areas are regularly cleaned following recommended guidelines.
- All staff will follow NHS guidelines in regards to self-isolation if required, following any symptoms which either they show or a member of their household shows.

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What you need you to do

- If you have changed your contact details, please inform the school immediately.
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to. We will contact you if your child becomes ill with either a temperature or a new continuous cough.
- Ensure that your child has their own water bottle that can be taken home and washed at the end of the day, or is disposable.

What happens if school closes?

We will only close our school if we are officially advised to do so or we do not have enough staff to run the school. In either case we would:

- Send out a message using our school texting system.
- Put a message on the school website and school Twitter feed.
- Update you on any changes using the same methods as above.
- Inform you of how your child can access work set by the teachers.

Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to keep you as informed as possible.

There are currently no plans to close, but we are all aware that this is an evolving situation. I would suggest that you keep up to date with the Government's Daily Briefings as this is the best way to hear the most up to date information.

If you have any questions please feel free to talk to me and please refer to the latest information on the NHS and Gov.uk websites. Links are available on some of the updates on our school website.

Can I finally take the time to thank you all for the wonderful support and calm response that you have shown over the past few weeks to this ever-changing picture. It is greatly appreciated by all the staff.

Yours sincerely,

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