



ST PAULINUS  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Update Letter from Mr Geaves Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Good afternoon to you all. I hope that half-term was kind to you and that even with the restrictions in place you managed to have some quality family time together.

As we start the second half of this academic year I am hopeful that the light at the end of the tunnel is coming closer to view. I would like to begin by saying thank you to different groups of people following last half-terms efforts and success. I would like to thank the staff for responding so positively to the challenges of remote learning. Despite the media claims school has never been shut. I would like to thank the support staff for keeping the school running. I would like to thank the children for their engagement levels and their resilience. I would like to thank the parents for their patience and willingness to try their best.

What will happen this half-term we will find out in more detail later today from Boris. The only thing that I can guarantee is that as a school community we will rise to the challenges that we are faced and embrace the differences in schooling that we will encounter. Perhaps as we start our Lenten journey in 2021 we should remember the following things:

- You are stronger than you think.
- Your heart is bigger than you know.
- You have more in you than anyone can see.
- Your positivity is greater than their negativity.
- You are doing your best.

I am thrilled to announce that Father Phil will lead two more collective worship as we start Lent 2021. The first is tomorrow at 1pm for Years 1,2 & 3 and then next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for Years 4,5 & 6. Please can I encourage as many children as possible to join these excellent opportunities.

We continue to offer remote learning to all year groups via Google Classroom. I have noticed a rise in school numbers at school with children of critical workers. In some classes we now have half the class in which is difficult for us to manage under the current guidance and restrictions. **The advice remains the same to only send your child to school if you have no other supervision at home.** If you are working from home please so not send your child to school if this at all possible.

Stay safe everyone and watch out for further updates when all the information is passed onto schools.

Warmest wishes

Mr Geaves

*Working together to be the best we can*

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