



St Alphonsus' Catholic Primary School

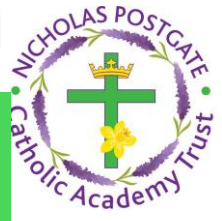
'Learning, serving, loving with Christ'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to reassure our families of the precautions we are taking in school to prevent the spread of Coronavirus following recent developments. We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and follow guidelines for educational settings provided by the Department of Public Health and Department for Education.

Schools within the trust are now following social distancing advice which means parents evenings, assemblies and visitors to school are being cancelled. We continue to deliver lessons on the importance of washing our hands as well as how to be 'germ smart' for sneezes and coughs. Children and adults must wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

As a school and wider trust, we have thorough plans in place should we have to close due to Government instruction. In the event of closure, we will send messages via the Parent App, text message system and our school Facebook/Twitter pages. **Please can you ensure that you have provided school with up to date contact details and have access to our Parent App so that we can notify you of any developments.**

Should the school have to close for any period of time, we will provide packs of resources/activities for your child to complete at home. We will also ensure that children in relevant year groups have their log on details for our school apps such as Sumdog and Times Tables Rockstars. We are also considering a cloud based drive (Google Classroom) for some children to access in the event of a prolonged period of absence. Further information regarding this will be communicated in the event of closure.

We hope that this letter has provided reassurance that we are taking all necessary precautions to minimise risks. St. Alphonsus' continues to open as normal and we will look forward to welcoming your children each day.

If it is necessary for your child to be absent from school, please follow school absence procedures and notify us if you feel your child is showing symptoms of coronavirus. To protect children and adults in school, please follow guidance on thorough handwashing and keep your child informed on the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection.

We understand that this is a difficult time for all. Please continue to be understanding and supportive of the precautions and Government advice we are following and implementing in our school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C. Grainger