



## CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to reassure you that we will be continuing to follow guidance from the Government, Public Health England and the NHS regarding coronavirus. The relevant agencies are still stressing that it is of the utmost importance to wash hands regularly and to avoid touching your face. These basic hygiene measures will help to protect your children, so please continue to remind them to follow the simple guidelines.

The guidance is now for people to stay at home for 7 days if they have either a high temperature or a new continuous cough. These people should follow the guidance and inform the school immediately. The guidance is that only those displaying the symptoms, as described above, must stay at home, therefore other siblings should still attend school. As always, if your child is unable to attend school, please report their absence in the usual way.

If the school is affected by significant staff and pupil absence, we will need to consider altering the timetable as necessary. We will endeavour to continue to deliver a high quality education for your children, but please be aware that we may well need to be flexible and creative with our curriculum.

### Possible School Closure

We are aware that there is the possibility of schools needing to close in the future. Staff at Christ the King are already preparing for such an eventuality, how to set and mark work remotely for all the children at our school. The most efficient way to do this will involve using eSchools, which can be accessed through our school website. All eschools logins for pupils have been reset and will be stuck at the back of their Home Reading Log for easy reference. Staff will also check that children have their other online learning login details (Bug Club, Doodle Maths, etc). Please log on to these sites this week to check that there are no technical issues. If your child is unable to login, please inform the school immediately. It is also vital that you inform the class teacher if you do not have any computer or device at home for them to use as we can also set home learning in the traditional manner using paper and workbooks. Further guidance on home learning and using the various apps will be given in the near future.

We have had a number of queries as to whether children/families should self-isolate. As education professionals, we do not have the specialist knowledge to give such medical advice. Therefore, please refer to the NHS website or 111 for any guidance in this area. The Local Authority have

assured us that the school will be notified by Public Health England if there is a specific case related to the school. It is likely that some staff and students will need to self-isolate over the coming weeks. The chief medical officer for England, expects the peak of the outbreak to occur in 10 to 14 weeks time. Our site team and cleaners are being particularly vigilant in cleaning areas that are touched most frequently, i.e. door handles, tables, keyboards etc. They are also ensuring that soap and hand towels are replenished frequently. If your child does need to self-isolate for 7 days, then the school will liaise with you directly about learning at home.

#### School Events and Trips

We will be limiting the numbers of visitors into the school building over the coming weeks as an extra precaution to prevent any spread of infection. With this in mind any large gathering will be cancelled or postponed; in the immediate term this affect out Mother's Day liturgy, SHINE events including the SHINE graduation. Swimming for Year 3 will go ahead this week and we are reviewing all other trips out of school in line with the latest guidelines. We will inform affected classes directly.

Finally, we are entering a challenging time for our community and it is important that we continue to work together to ensure we do the very best for our children. The situation is fluid, and we will continue to update you as more information becomes available. If you do have any questions, please either email or phone, but please bear in mind that it may take us longer to respond if we have a high volume of queries.

Yours sincerely

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