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### **Coronavirus Update #19**

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Dear Parents,

This is just brief letter today to keep you up to speed with emerging school plans.

We are working on our plans for welcoming back all children in September. Once all staff and governors have had a chance to review them, I will write to you next Friday with the information you will need.

Thank you for understanding and supporting our decision to close school 2 days earlier than planned for pupils. They are essential days that staff need in order to prepare classrooms and the school for opening to all children in September. It also means that our 2 scheduled training days on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July can go ahead with a focus on our main job of improving the quality of teaching and learning. We have a visiting trainer for these days to work with us on implementing a new-style engaging curriculum for your children. We are all very excited to focus on this rather than Covid-19.

Thank you for all your feedback on home learning. Mrs Turner, Mr Marchant and Miss Wooldridge have collated all this and we will be using it to inform our future practice. From September we will have an “oven-ready” home learning contingency plan in place ready to use should we be thrown back into lockdown. We will also be looking at what we can use alongside normal classroom learning. Your constructive feedback has been much appreciated and useful.

This time of year is always a very busy time for teachers (particularly so this year) so I would just like to take this public opportunity to thank them for their work. As parents, you should be very reassured that you have a talented and hard-working group of professionals who are dedicated to making a positive difference to your children. This includes our wonderful support staff who team up brilliantly with our teachers. There should be a BBC fly-on-the-wall documentary to see what they get up to behind the scenes.

The Reverend Nathan and St Cuthbert Mayne's JUMP team would like to share a Christian message and prayer with you: <https://we.tl/t-kMlOX8Eraj>

**Covid-19 – Stay Alert**

- A quick link to all government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- A quick link to questions and answers related to tomorrow's planned changes in England:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do-after-4-july>
- A quick link to all the guidance for schools:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>
- A quick link to handwashing advice, including video:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- For the latest information on *test and trace*, follow the link:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youre-contacted-after-testing-positive-for-coronavirus/>

Department for Education helpline for parents - phone: 0800 046 8687,  
Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk), opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) and 10am to 4pm (Saturday and Sunday)

Have a lovely weekend.

Very best wishes to you and your families as always,



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)