

## **Our Lady Catholic Primary School**

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## Dear Parents/Carers,

As the level of concern surrounding the Coronavirus increases, I am writing to update you of the current advice and plans put in place by the school as the government potentially moves the country into the 'delay' phase of the national action plan. Currently all children are reminded to wash their hands regularly with soap and hand sanitisers are readily available throughout the school. Handles, tables and other surfaces that are regularly touched continue to be cleaned on a daily basis.

As part of the 'delay' phase in the national action plan there is the possibility that schools will be required to close nationally. **Our Lady Catholic Primary school will only close if this is the case**. In all other scenarios we will take our lead from Public Health England and Public Health Hertfordshire.

We will communicate any required school closures with you via email, Twitter, Facebook and on the school website. It is therefore vital that you check emails, social media posts and the school website regularly.

In the event that Public Health England requires schools to close, class teachers will continue to set work on a daily basis via the class pages on the school website (which will be updated each day). Staff may also communicate with you with regard to your child's learning via email. It is essential that school has at least one up to date email address per family. You must ensure that the school office know the email address that can be used to contact you and that it is checked regularly. If you do not have access to the internet please let your class teacher know as soon as possible.

## SATS:

There has been no directive from government or the Standard Testing Agency (STA) with regard to SATs at this time, we will inform you should this change. In the event of national schools closure, we will provide all Year 6 children with a SATS revision pack as well as setting work on a daily basis. As Year 2 SATS are based on teacher assessment throughout the year, as well as tests, revision packs will not be necessary for Year 2.

## **ACTION PLAN:**

One of the school's key strategies has been to devise an Action Plan to combat the virus and to share it with all stakeholders in our school community. We have put clear procedures in place for our staff and children to follow with the express aim of reducing the impact of any future potential cases at our school. This plan is being shared with all of the parents and carers so that we are all clear on what we should do in these

circumstances. We are confident that the comprehensive plan covers all eventualities. The plan can be viewed on the school website, under 'Headteacher's Letters'.

Should you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance and a member of the Senior Leadership Team should you seek further clarity.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support over what is proving a challenging period for schools and the country as a whole.

Kind regards,

Richard Curry