



# ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **Advice for Parents – COVID-19**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly I would like to thank you all for your support following yesterday's whole school letter, it is reassuring to know that this school is part of a wonderful holistic and supportive community, looking after the needs of all.

In light of the announcement from the Prime Minister yesterday, I can understand any doubts and anxiety you may now be feeling. As you are aware, all schools have been requested to stay open and continue to teach children the full curriculum and carry out our duties as normal, as much as we can.

In preparation for if we close, all children will today be bringing home a "home learning pack", which the teachers have put together. The work has been specially selected to cater for the needs of all the class and we ask you to support your child when they need to complete this. Please be aware that this work is only to be completed if the decision is made to close the schools, it is not intended to replace homework that they will receive as usual, nor is it intended to be a substitute for your child's class teacher.

Along with this, the children will also receive a log in and a supporting letter, in their folder, for access to Studyladder ([https://www.studyladder.co.uk/?lc\\_set=](https://www.studyladder.co.uk/?lc_set=)). We will be using this online platform for further work, if a decision is made to close the schools. Please can you attempt to log on to see if the content can be accessed – if there are any issues then please let your class teacher know in the morning.

You will also find, after this letter a list of websites that you can access to support any learning being carried out at home. All of these have initial free content, and some are offering a free month trial for all parents. Please access what you wish and what you believe will be best for your child/ren.

Just to reiterate from yesterday's letter that our key responsibility is the safety and wellbeing of everyone associated with the school, including pupils, staff, parents and family – immediate and extended and anyone else who contributes to the daily running of the school.

We are continually monitoring the advice and guidance from all the central and local agencies and will respond as necessary or required. As a parent/carer please follow the government guidelines below relating to any symptoms:

Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child (or anyone in your household) has any of the following symptoms, they and all members of the household should remain at home, isolating, for 14 days (guidance of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Prime Ministers Latest announcement):

- a new, continuous cough and/or
- a temperature

At this time, we are not in a position to take the unilateral step to close the school – the situation is changing very quickly and we will react as necessary, but do ask for your understanding and support as we respond to new information, guidance and issues as they arise. The unknown of the next few weeks is daunting for everyone; however, we must remember to stay calm. Pray when you feel worried, trust in God that he will watch over us all at this time.

Please do come and see me if you have any concerns or if you can offer help to others in anyway.

Kind regards,



Mr. M. Kincaid  
Headteacher