



# St. CUTHBERT'S Catholic Primary School (NC)



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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

## Update: Covid-19

Good afternoon all, I know that this is an increasingly frightening time for all of us and I just wanted to reassure you that we are doing all that we can to support your children at this time. It is so important that we take a calm and measured approach with our children so as not to frighten them.

At this present time the government have not closed schools and therefore we remain open for all pupils.

We have had no confirmed cases of Corona virus in our school community.

However we do recognise that we need to act sensibly and take precautions where necessary. In light of this Birmingham City Council have asked all schools to have a continuity plan in place i.e. a plan of action if the school closes. I have been working on this today and I am very conscious that I do not simply want to abandon our community at a vulnerable time.

The senior management team have met to look at what we can do in the next few weeks to control additional foot fall in school; therefore we have made the following decisions - we will postpone the following events that involve parents coming into school:

Year 1 Inspire - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Parents Evening - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 5 Easter Play - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Year 4, 5 and 6 Brass Assembly - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

We are cancelling swimming for Year 3 and groups for Year 4 and Year 5 on a Thursday and the school disco on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are also going to move Reconciliation for Year 3 to school; Father Andrew will come into school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March and the children will receive the Sacrament in school time.





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We will continue with the Sponsored Walk and Lenten Activities. We will continue with after school clubs unless there is a problem with staffing.

In the event of school closing we will issue all of your children a home learning pack which will have a variety of tasks for your children to work on.

We will also give advice on good websites to use and have allocated class emails so you can email your child's class teacher during the shutdown.

For those of you who have access to the internet we will also upload things onto a specific area which we will notify you about soon.

Class emails

[reception@stcuthbt.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception@stcuthbt.bham.sch.uk)

[year1@stcuthbt.bham.sch.uk](mailto:year1@stcuthbt.bham.sch.uk)

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We need up-to-date contact numbers for all families so that I can keep you informed, whatever happens - so please complete the form attached to this letter updating all your contact information.

We are also incredibly aware of how isolated you may feel if shut down occurs and for that reason we are looking into opening the school office, possibly daily, to take phone calls, check in with families, issue food parcels or food bank vouchers and support any vulnerable families in our community. We will be working with Father Andrew and Corpus Christi to ensure that all vulnerable people in our community are supported.

I am also aware that many of you work in areas that need to keep open such as the NHS and emergency services - you are classed a key public sector worker. Could you please indicate on the form if you are one of these workers and would struggle with childcare. I don't know if there is anything we can do but I can at least look into it.





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Please do try to remain calm, we will face this together and work through it together.

*'During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours'*

God Bless,

Mrs Hobbs

Contact information

Child/Children in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Key workers:

Are you a key worker? Yes/No

Will you struggle with child care if the schools close? Yes/No

What support will you need?

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