



## St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Good morning to all our families,

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well during this very challenging time.

I write to share that over the last few days I have had a consultation with key worker parents who have been accessing the school EMERGENCY childcare provision to make informed decisions regarding the position of school during the Easter break from the end of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April to the morning of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April when school should reopen. Having received an overwhelming majority of replies which do not require school provision and are hugely supportive of school closing, which would ensure the school staff have the opportunity for two weeks isolation with their own families, the governors and I have decided that school will close.

The benefits of the school closure would enable all my dedicated but tired staff to isolate for the two week period, any non-symptomatic infection with staff or the pupils who are currently attending will be eradicated and it will allow some outside contractors to come into school to do planned work when the pupils and staff are not here. We can then ensure the school has a careful clean in preparation for it opening again on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all our parents and families for the great partnership working we have had so far over this very challenging and difficult time. We thank all our key worker parents for the work they are doing to help us all and hope that we will be able to join back together as a big family as soon as possible.

I will of course be contactable through my email:

[head.stpatricksbirstall@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:head.stpatricksbirstall@kirkleeseducation.uk) over the Easter period should you have any immediate concerns or worries that I can help with.

Those parents who wish to access the EMERGENCY childcare in the week after Easter, can you please email me with the days you require school provision by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, so that I can do my staff rota and send it out to staff.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon and hold you all in my thoughts and prayers and thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards

Mrs C Moulding

