



St. CUTHBERT'S Catholic Primary School (NC)



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back; I hope that you had a good half term even with everything that is going on in the world today.

I am writing to you today to encourage you to continue to send your children to school when lock down begins on Thursday 5th November. School, as you know, has many procedures in place to make it as safe as possible.

Your children are happy in school; they feel safe and enjoy learning with their friends so please do continue to send them in.

Obviously if your child has any symptoms - a temperature, a dry continuous cough or the loss of taste and smell then please keep them at home and organise a test for them.

I will continue to put updated information on the school website for you to refer to if you are unsure what to do.

We made the decision not to hold any Christmas plays or carol services this year, and now with a further lockdown, I feel we made the right decision. We continue not to book any trips, go for swimming lessons or have any type of whole school or class assemblies or collective worship. This will remain in place for the time being.

We have been very lucky in terms of not having to send any classes home and thankfully all staff have remained well. I know that we have to be realistic and can expect to see some challenges this term in terms of absences and isolation but we will support you through this should it happen.

We are continuing to work on how we would support your child's learning if they or their class have to isolate and more information will be available in the next week or so on the school website. At present we have pre-prepared packs that your child can work on from home should they have to isolate.

Throughout this week I will be sending out class letters to inform you about the day that your child's teacher will contact you for a parent consultation. We will be able to offer a morning or





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afternoon time. It's certainly not what we are used to but we do want to talk to each of you about how your child/children have settled in and how they are progressing.

I know it is a struggle, I know people are facing loss of jobs, concerns about family members who are ill and vulnerable, and facing the prospect of not seeing family or friends for 4 weeks during lockdown. If you are having particular difficulties then please do let us know, don't suffer in silence.

Finally, thank you for all the amazing wooden spoon characters that came into school today - amazing; children have until Friday to return their decorated spoon and then we will be putting them all up in the library! Honestly I am impressed - you are a creative lot!

With every best wish

Mrs Hobbs - Headteacher

