



In the light of God we care, we share, we laugh, we learn

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that following the latest announcement from the Secretary of State for Education and the Prime Minister, to ensure the health and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and the wider school community, which is as always our top priority, school will be closed from the end of school on Friday until further notice. This does not apply to the children of parents/carers who work within certain sectors (for which we are awaiting clarification) for example: the NHS, the Police Service, delivery drivers and in addition children with an EHCP or children with an allocated Social Worker.

Each class teacher has compiled homework packs to cover the closure period. It is recommended that the children follow a daily routine of: reading, a piece of writing, maths, TT-Rockstars and Phonics or Grammar exercises. Early Years staff have added specific tasks for our youngest children and guidance can be found in your child's year group folder. These packs can be found on the school website. Please go to the drop down menu: "Learning From Home" and then to the year group your child is in. Please feel free to give your children feedback on the work they are completing whilst at home. The work set has been selected so that it is easily accessible for the children and families. The children will be issued with exercise books specifically for this work during the closure period.

For the duration of the school closure period teachers will e-mail parents directly about the work set if this is deemed necessary. It is not intended that parents e-mail staff on an individual basis however if you feel you do need to contact your child's teacher we ask that you e-mail between the hours of 9am and 4pm. The class teacher will endeavour to respond as soon as possible, within 48 hours at the latest. We also respectfully request that there is a realisation that these are extraordinary times and so it isn't business as usual. As such communications with class teachers should be restricted to essential enquiries about children's learning. Our staff will also be dealing with their own families and worries during this time. I have listed below the e-mail addresses for use during the closure period:

nursery@stchadsprimary.net
year2@stchadsprimary.net
year5@stchadsprimary.net

Reception@stchadsprimary.net
year3@stchadsprimary.net
year6@stchadsprimary.net

year1@stchadsprimary.net
year4@stchadsprimary.net

For the children of parents and carers who are eligible to be in school we request that you notify us of how you fall within the relevant categories. In this way we can begin to forward plan.

We will of course keep you updated on the school closure status and any additional home learning tasks as necessary.

I would like to say thank-you for your continued support during this difficult time. As a community I ask that we pray for one another and check on vulnerable neighbours. If you feel you need help or support school will endeavour to do what we can.

Miss A. McHale
Head of School

