



The Federation of St Elphege's and Regina Coeli Catholic Schools



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Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

RE: Coronavirus update - school closure to most pupils

Following on from our last update, I am now writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

Thank you to those parents who completed the questionnaire sent home yesterday, you will have been contacted by the school today to confirm your eligibility and we appreciate your understanding and support at this time.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards unless we have confirmed your child's place.

Please note that this is a national closure - as you may have heard in the news - so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by updating Open Check and/or the school website.

www.opencheck.adept.education

<https://www.reginacoelischool.co.uk/>

I wrote to all parents on Monday to advise that Parent Consultation Evenings for this term have been cancelled and that school would provide parents with an Interim Progress Report for their child instead. These have been distributed at the end of the school day today.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to provide learning activities for children using the school website. It is very important that you support your child in engaging in the learning tasks set. Please see the 'Home Learning' section of our website, listed under the 'Parents & Carers' tab, for more information.



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If you do need to contact the school urgently, please call in the first instance. However, we are, as yet, unsure of on-site staffing arrangements moving forward so please email the school office if you are unable to contact us by telephone.

If your child usually receives free school meals we have sent another letter with more information about how we will continue to provide this.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

We wish you and your families the very best of health and pray for God's comfort and blessings and the very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Hawkes
Executive Head Teacher