



## St. Charles' Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

### Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

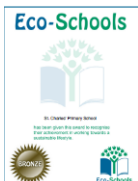
Following from the government meeting yesterday, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, schools are to do all they can to stay open for key workers and children with certain needs. The Local Authority will take a lead on this. There will be 'Educational Settings' (to include school buildings) identified to be open from Monday 23 March 2020 to help serve the needs of childcare for Key Workers and those in vulnerable groups. We are still awaiting Government confirmation on these definitions.

In the meantime, if you could let us know if you think your child **may** fall into one of these categories. Please could you contact the school office by telephone or email, to provide us with the relevant information including your role and the role of any additional adults in your home, your child's name and class. Please note we will require evidence of employment. We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this applies to.

**All children, currently will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

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 through a message via our school app (ParentApps Connect), our website and our twitter page.



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Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. The class teachers have already started to send out home learning packs, online learning information with the children's own login details and information on the class pages on the school website

If your child usually receives free school meals there is an additional letter which will be sent to you personally, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

**We will not be able to go ahead with Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 SAT's, Year 4 times table check or the Year 1 Phonics assessments.**

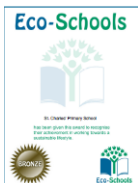
This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation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

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs R Dean  
Headteacher



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