

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Further to previous communications, I wanted to provide you with an update on our current situation.

## **Teaching and Learning**

We have already sent home some communication regarding websites to access, free on-line learning and a range of other ways to support learning and keep busy during this difficult situation. In addition to that, if you go on to our school website <https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/> and click on 'Home Learning Resource Packs' on the home page, you will find resource packs for several weeks, which are a fantastic resource to work through with your child.

**Please DO NOT come to school after today e.g. to pick up P.E Kit (this will be kept safely for you) in order to reduce the spread of the virus.**

## **Emotional support for children**

We have already sent home some useful resources to support with explaining the current situation to children and dealing with possible anxieties. The following websites are also useful as ago to resource:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/caring-for-children-and-young-people/children-and-young-peoples-services/>

## **Current Guidance**

Up-to-date guidance following the Coronavirus pandemic can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

As a school, we are trying to respond to the situation on a day-to-day basis. We have many things to consider in terms of organising staff to look after children. If you have responded to school requests regarding school looking after your child/ren (as you are a key worker or your child is classed as vulnerable) please take note of the following:

- **You should only be using this service if your child/ren cannot be accommodated at home. Sending children to school puts them at a greater risk from the virus** (We have only had a handful of parents who have requested this service).
- **Children will not be educated in the normal way, but will be cared for in a similar way to a Holiday/Wrap around Scheme.**
- **If you have notified us that you are a key worker and plan to send your child into school and these circumstances should change, please let us know asap**
- **We are unable to accommodate children for Breakfast Club and will, therefore, be open from 8.55am until 3.15pm. Children do not need to come in school uniform.**
- **This will operate while staff are available and will be reviewed on a daily/weekly basis.**

**If you have ordered a packed lunch because you are entitled to Universal Free School Meals/Free School Meals, please collect this on a daily basis between the hours of 11.15-11.45am only.**

Please be reassured that we will continue to keep you updated as required, via email, during the period of closure.

We pray for the health and well-being of all our children, families and whole school community during this difficult time.

May God bless you all.



Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher

***'I say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust' – Psalm 91:2***

