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**SAINT IGNATIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! Sadly it is not the start that any of us would have wanted and we have been asked by the government to close the school to the vast majority of pupils until at least after February half term to help control the spread of Covid 19.

Although disappointing for all of us, the government believes that this is the only course of action at this time. We will contact you by text message when the school is to re-open for all pupils.

Home Schooling:

Each class-teacher has set work for the children each day which can be accessed through our on line learning platform Showbie. This work will be marked online by the teacher who will offer advice on next steps for the children. As a parent of young children myself, I appreciate how hard this can be to manage. If you would like any help with this then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Key workers:

School is open from today for the children whose parents are key workers. These are parents working in health, education, social care, food industries and emergency services, although this list is not exhaustive. Please check the government website if you need further clarification. We are mindful of the need to protect all who attend St. Ignatius on a daily basis. Therefore, we request that all parents, including parents who are 'Key workers', consider making child care arrangements which enable their children not to attend school. In making these arrangements, please be mindful of the need to protect others.

Free School Meals:

The government has stated that there will be help for schools in helping the children eligible for free school meals. When more details of this are known we will text message all families eligible. For this week the cook has ordered extra food which can be collected from the school office.

Regular Contact:

We will keep in constant communication with all our families through Showbie and phone calls; however, if you have any concerns regarding welfare or education then please do not hesitate to contact me at head@st-ignatius.lancs.uk or through the school office on 01772 555252

All our thoughts and prayers are with the entire St. Ignatius' family at this very difficult time.

Best wishes

Mr C.J Hough
Headteacher

