



Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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Assistant Headteacher: Sarah Dodd

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 3

I am tremendously proud of the children and particularly the staff during this difficult situation. The children have coped with the increased hand washing and cleaning regime, plus the altered timetable and cancellation of specific events excellently. The staff in school have been amazing, their dedication to your children is a credit to them, their support for each other and care for our community is outstanding.

As I explained yesterday in my letter we would not be closing the school unless we are directed to do so by Government, however we may have to do so earlier due to staff shortages and keeping children safe. **In discussion with Governors, Staff, LA and Diocese we have risk assessed the health and safety in school suffice to say this is not an easy letter to write.**

As end of Wednesday 18th March we are closing school until Monday 20th April (any changes will be communicated)

- All Nursery children
- Children from Reception to Year 6

In order to support parents working in frontline services including those in the NHS and education, if you need to send your child into school we will have a skeleton staff making arrangements to complete their work on site. This will only be until Friday 20th March (The Annex will be open for those parents with pre-booked children who are members of this provision).

As from next week Monday 23rd March school will be closed to all children. There will be a small team in school carrying out essential roles.

Please inform us using the email via office@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk of any changes to personal details for example email address or phone numbers. Please use this address for any questions you may have.

PHE Advice

Please continue to encourage good hand hygiene in your children. It remains the most effective method to prevent the spread of the virus.

Plans for the full Closure

If you need to cough or sneeze			You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser				
 Catch it with a tissue	 Bin it	 Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser	 After breaks & sport activities	 Before cooking & eating	 SCHOOL ETC. On arrival at any childcare or educational setting	 After using the toilet	 Before leaving home
 Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands	 Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles	 If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels					

Teachers are sending home tonight a list of resources or ideas, including online support for children to complete at home. They will also be put onto the website. We will continue to update the website and Twitter. If children want to share what they have been doing with staff they can do so through Twitter. We will also provide teacher emails to share work.

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Miss Banim = @MissBanimSTM

Miss Jones = @Miss_JonesSTM

Mrs Shrecker (Howcroft) = @MissHowcroftSTM

Miss Weekes = @MrsWeekesSTM

Mrs Craven = @MrsCravenSTM

Miss McBride = @MissMcBrideSTM

Miss Dodd = @MissSDoddSTM

Mrs Hickman = @MrsHickmanSTM

Miss Churchman = @MissChurchmnSTM

Miss Hughes = @MissHughesSTM

St Thomas More Office = @OfficeSTM

St. ThomasMore RC PTA = @PTASTM

Hopefully the steps we have taken will have helped reduce the impact of Covid 19 in our community.

Our thoughts are with everyone affected by coronavirus and we pray for a speedy recovery for everyone who has contracted this disease.

We will continue to use Text service, Twitter and the Website to update you in this ever changing situation and thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Butterworth

Mrs K Kennedy & Ms L Williams

Headteacher

Co- Chair of Governors

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