

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Following yesterday's Government's announcement school will close to most pupils from 3.30pm tomorrow, Friday 20th March. At this current time, we do not know for how long we will be closed. We have been instructed to close school and we know it is a worrying time for us all.

We are awaiting further guidance from the government and Kirklees council as to how free school meals may continue through either meals or a voucher system, especially as we are all instructed to be social distancing from each other.

All children who are still in school will be given a home learning pack today. These will include log in details for spelling shed and times table rock stars. If you cannot come to school to collect your child's pack, for example because you are self-isolating or absent due to illness we will post their packs to them. Please encourage your child to read or practise their phonics every day. Each teacher has included a covering letter with various websites you can also access whilst your children are at home. A new resource we have logins for is the seesaw app where children can share what they have been doing.

At the current time we have been asked to remain open for vulnerable children such as those with EHCP and the children of "key staff" which currently include: police, NHS workers and delivery workers of food and medical supplies. We are still awaiting the full list of which occupations are classed as "key". If you think you will be or have already been informed please email office@stmarysbatley.co.uk with your child's name and class and the occupation of you and any other adult in the household as we still don't know if both adults have to be key workers before you can send the children to school. This will help us with knowing how many children we may be expecting and prepare for the coming weeks. Please note the National Curriculum will not be being delivered and your child may not have their usual staff working with them.

Thank you to those parents who have already informed us that they are key staff but will not be sending their children to school.

This is a worrying time for us all and we hope all staff, parents and children can stay safe and well.

Best wishes

Mrs Grant