

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

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ST. PAUL'S  
C of E Primary School

Dear Families,

### Closure of School from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

In line with government guidelines, school will close tonight for the majority of children.

**Government guidance clearly states that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the COVID-19 virus spreading.** This is because the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

On Monday we will be open for a **limited** number of children and will provide reduced provision. Due to the overwhelming requests we have had today for 'key worker' provision, we must stress that you must **NOT** bring your children to school on Monday, if you believe you are a key worker and we have **NOT** agreed a date to return to school. Once we are able to collate all requests (if we are able to, given our own reduced capacity) we will contact you and agree a timetable of support. It is imperative that families who are key workers do their utmost to find alternative provision as we may not be able to offer you all the provision you want. Please be aware that this provision is only for key workers who have exhausted all other avenues of support and need to continue working to help the country at this crucial time.

Whilst we continue to plan to support our vulnerable children and those of key workers, our capacity to do this may reduce over time and arrangements may need to change rapidly. We ask for your understanding in this.

If you believe you are a key worker and have not informed us at this stage, please email [office@whinmoorstpauls.co.uk](mailto:office@whinmoorstpauls.co.uk) today. You must inform us of your job (we will need to see proof of this) explain when you would need this support and actively seek to put in place any alternative arrangements you can for some of the time, as we cannot guarantee childcare for each day you want.

It is crucial that families we are supporting do all they can to ensure their children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principals as adults.

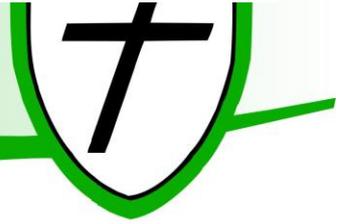
For those families who are eligible for free school meals, we will distribute packed lunches at the main entrance to school, from approximately 1.15pm until 1.40pm.

We must impress upon families that although school is closed from tonight, we are doing all we can to support our families, given these unprecedented circumstances and our own reduced capacity at this time.

Thank you and please accept our prayers and good wishes for you and your families.

Miss McBride

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