



# Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that I am closing the school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice.

Yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education announced that that all schools in the UK are to close to **almost all** children. We will do our best to stay open for key workers (e.g teachers, NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and vulnerable children. Vulnerable needs include looked after children, children with a child protection plan, children in need and children with an Education, Health and Care Plan. A definitive list will be published by the Cabinet Office this afternoon.

## **Phase 2**

Therefore, I am instigating Phase 2 of our Distance Learning Plan. The learning packs for the children will be sent home with the children in school today and tomorrow. For children not at school - parents will have until the end of the school day on Friday to collect them. To ensure social distancing and the continued safety of the children we have put the learning packs under the shelter in the front playground by the Main School entrance. All Learning Packs have the children's names on it. Please collect the pack and leave immediately. Teachers, when they can, will continue to publish school work on Google Classroom.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how the government plans to continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

## **Immediate Action to be taken by parents who are key workers**

I will publish more information on what this means and what constitutes a 'key worker' as this term may be extended to cover other occupations however please could let myself or Mrs Hodnett know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please contact the school office by telephone or email **as soon as you can**.

When contacting the school regarding key worker status please inform us of:

- **Your child's name**
- **Class**
- **Your occupation and how you determine yourself to be a key worker.**
- **I will also require verification of your employment**

Please be aware that the key worker criteria when it is published will be strictly adhered to. We will do our best to accommodate this while we can.

This is as much as I know right now and I appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. I understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and I will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

**Staff safety & well being**

**For Key Worker families please be aware that staff members may develop symptoms and it may not be safe for us to remain even partially open. If this happens, I will close the school completely and send all staff home for their own safety and the safety of their own families. When this happens, Key Worker families will need to contact the Local Authority regarding their childcare.**

It may be that some schools with no available staff may need to send children to an alternative site provided by the Local Authority to provide an educational offer for the eligible Key Worker children.

This is an ever changing situation and I will continue to update you as the situation develops.

God bless

Mr Mc Philemy

Headteacher