

ST. BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer,

I am sure that many of you will already be aware that the government have announced that all schools are closing today for most children. The closure is until further notice and so we are unsure at present of when we will reopen.

We understand how disappointing and upset you all must be feeling at present and also that the prospect of daily home learning may be quite daunting. We would like to reassure you that we are hoping to be able to continue to provide sufficient learning, support and normality during the time that we are closed.

The majority of our children will be at home, most likely for a number of weeks. The children are expected to continue their learning through home learning tasks. We have provided you with a timetable on the back of this letter should you wish to continue to provide your child with the same routine of the school day.

We have already provided packs to assist you with home learning and will continue to set work as time goes on as necessary; this will be provided either via the website or e-mail. All teachers will also be updating Twitter for their class (@StBedeSacriston) regularly and we would encourage you to keep in touch with us and share your children's work with us on Twitter if you feel comfortable doing so. Please see the website home page if you do not have an account and keep checking our website regularly, particularly as we do not have any indication as to how long school will be closed.

Staff will also be checking our e-mail account at regular intervals on a daily basis, during working hours from Monday to Friday. During this period of closure, if you need help or support, please do get in touch via e-mail at st.bedes.rc.sacriston@durhamlearning.net and we will do all that we can to help you. Please do not call the school phone line as we will be unable to answer calls.

I would like to thank our wonderful children who have been a real joy this week and made us all continue to smile. They are resilient, positive and a credit to you. I must also thank you, our parents and carers, for being incredibly supportive of school in the past few days in what have been very testing times for us all. Your patience and understanding is very much appreciated. These are unprecedented times and I know how worrying this situation is and how hard these next months may be for families. I hope that together, as a school community, we will continue to support one another and make the best of the situation that we are faced with.

I would also like to thank our amazing staff, who have worked tirelessly this week to ensure our families and pupils have been fully supported during this difficult time. We will continue to do so throughout the coming weeks. We look forward to reopening and hope you all stay safe and well, caring for one another and still finding strength, love and laughter during these testing times.

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' (John 14:27)

Best wishes,

Mrs Alderson and all the staff