



# St Ippolyts C.E. (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 18.3.2020

The topic of school closures is undoubtedly being widely debated across the country at the moment. There are still no plans for a national shutdown of schools, so school remains open and operational at this time.

However, we must accept that the possibility of school closing for a while is now an increasingly likely reality. School will close fully if instructed by central government. If staff numbers fall to a stage when we can no longer maintain safe adult to pupil ratios, a partial closure may be likely. If this happens it is likely that we would aim to keep classes running for Year 6 and Year 2 in the first instance.

A reminder that the guidance states that **ANY member of a household develops a cough or high temperature, ALL members of the family should isolate for 14 days**. This includes not leaving the house, even for shopping. We are very, very grateful to all parents who have made sensible, cautious decisions if children have displayed even mild symptoms.

If your family is self-isolating, we have provided work books for them to continue their learning at home. Several parents and children have already communicated with the class teachers via the new email addresses.

When children are in self-isolation, or indeed if the school closes, it is important that children maintain their learning wherever possible. This can be a challenge for parents, especially if you have multiple children at home or are also trying to do your own work too.

Today we have sent home some information to hopefully support you with setting up a 'home-schooling' approach and an example daily schedule. We have also provided a bank of online learning activities that you can use.

Please do remember that the class email addresses enable you to communicate directly with your child's class teacher. If you are not sure how to explain/teach something to your child, or need any other advice and support about their learning, please do not hesitate to contact them.

Yours sincerely

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