



# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

*Following in the footsteps of Jesus*

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## CORONAVIRUS

### - information regarding the spread of the virus, and its impact on our school

The 'School Information' page on the school website will be updated as regularly as possible with information regarding the spread of coronavirus, and its impact on our school.

As advised by the Government, school will continue to operate until Friday 20th March, so long as we have enough staff to do so safely. Children should attend unless they present the main symptoms.

**From Monday 23rd March**, the announcement by the Secretary of State said that we will only be open with child care arrangements for children of core workers, children with an educational health care plan and children supported by a social worker. The Government will provide more information about who it defines as core workers after the Cabinet Meeting today.

We know that this is a difficult time for everyone but it is important that everyone waits for and follows national advice and guidance.

Parents are advised to read the government's guidance on staying at home in the case of suspected coronavirus infection. This is based on the most significant symptoms of:

- new continuous cough, and/or
- high temperature (37.8°C)

If children, or anyone in your household develop either of these symptoms, they should be kept at home for a period of 14 days from the onset of the symptoms. See stay at home guidance below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please see the link below for guidance on social distancing:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Teachers and support staff have worked hard to provide learning tasks for pupils during this time of school closure. Many of these packs have had to be delivered by hand over the last couple of days. The Government indicated that they are also working with partners to provide educational support for children at home. We will provide further updates as more information becomes available. Please keep checking the school website where we will share updates.

In school, we will continue to encourage regular handwashing, and the use of tissues to 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It'.

Any further information will be provided on this page as and when it is available. Up-to-date information on the actions taken by Public Health England are available on their website:

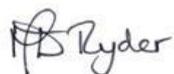
<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Access and information for families who may require support with food during school closures can be found at:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/help.aspx>

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Kind regards, take care,



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Headteacher