



## St Godric's RC VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

### COVID-19 Update to Parents – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Thank you for your patience, understanding and letters and words of support during this anxious time. It is our intention to try to keep parents as updated as possible based upon the advice and information that we receive.

We understand and appreciate that many parents may have different questions and concerns and we will endeavour to reply to individual queries as and when they arise, we ask for your continued support and understanding at this time.

### School closure

Following yesterday's announcement by the Education Secretary, we are continuing our preparations to close the school with effect from the end of the school day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The school will then be closed to the vast majority of pupils until further notice.

The Education Secretary stated that the school will only remain open for vulnerable pupils including those with Education Health and Care Plans as well as those subject to statutory child protection procedures. As soon as we have more information and/or clarification on this matter we will communicate this.

If you are a parent who works in 'Frontline Service', please let us know by contacting the school office. In response to the announcement the children of parents who work in frontline services will be able to continue to attend so that we can support you in continuing to work as far as possible. These services include, but are not limited to, healthcare, emergency services and food distribution.

In order to plan effectively to support the children of frontline service personnel, please let us know if you intend to send your son/daughter to school during the period of closure.

### Contact details

If you have recently changed any of your contact details, please ensure that you provide us with up to date information.

### Warning: Free School Meals scam

Parents of pupils entitled to Free School Meals please note that we have been advised of an email scam currently circulating in the Local Authority. The email states '*As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported*'. **This is a scam email and is not from the local authority.** If you receive any emails like this, please **DO NOT** respond and **DELETE** it immediately.

Thank you for your continued support in these anxious times. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family.

Your sincerely,

Mrs CM Craig  
Headteacher

