



St Edward's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will, by now, be aware of the Government's latest announcement, which places us, once more, in a national lockdown. I know this is not what we hoped for as we begin a New Year, but as cases of COVID are rising exponentially across the country and placing our National Health Service under such pressure, we need to work together to bring the virus under control.

You will know that our school is already closed to the majority of pupils and only remains open for vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers. We did not take this decision lightly and have worked hard to implement remote learning once more. The Government has now instructed that all primary schools will close until February half term, only opening for Key Worker children and vulnerable pupils.

If your child is able to stay at home with you, this is always going to be the best option for your child and your family's safety. By staying at home, the risk of exposure to yourselves and your child/ren is minimised. However, we also realise that you too, are juggling work life and childcare. Therefore, if you feel that you do require provision for your child, and you are eligible as a Key Worker, please email office@stedwardscatholicacademy.co.uk, so that your child's name can be added to the list. **If you completed the form on Sunday, or have already sent in your details, please do not send them again, we have your information.** Each week you will be asked to fill in a form that states your requirements for the following week, so we know how many staff are required and can plan accordingly. We will send next week's form out by the end of the day tomorrow.

In order to get a clear picture of what electronic devices your child has available to them at home for remote learning, could you please complete a short survey that I will send to you via text today. I apologise if you have already completed a previous survey, but I am aware that some children may have received devices for Christmas or that their devices may no longer work. Please complete only one form for each child.

The next few weeks are going to be hard for all of us, once more. But, the well-being and health of our children, families and loved ones has to be our paramount concern. The children themselves, will be worried and anxious about the current climate we find ourselves in so they will need your love, reassurance and patience more than ever.

We fully recognise and appreciate that not everyone is a teacher and remote learning is not going to be easy for everyone, especially when you have more than one child at home. Do what you think is right for your child, you know them best. Remember that any work you can do with them will be beneficial, even if it is not sticking strictly to the work that has been set by their teacher.



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If you receive a text message because you haven't been in touch with your class teacher on a particular day this is not to chase you for work, it is simply to check that everything and everyone is okay. Please keep in daily contact with teachers or the school office to avoid texts being sent. Thank you.

Only by working together and playing our part, are we going to be able to bring this pandemic under control.

Look after each other, stay safe and stay well.

My very best wishes to you all.

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