



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are faced with a situation unlike any we have experienced before.

I would like to begin by thanking all the staff who have worked so hard over the last 2 weeks or so to keep things as "normal" as possible for the children in school while so much is changing around them. It is worth mentioning that many of them were juggling their own home situations at the same time. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff who continue to put the children in our school first.

We enter shutdown without knowing how long it will last or what it will actually entail. We have yet to be told how Key Workers will be identified or how provision for vulnerable pupils will be managed. We have been told we should have more information about this by the end of today.

In the meantime, our plan is that each year group will have work set on the year group web pages. This will be updated each day. Some tasks will be web based, some practical, some will need a pen and paper. We will endeavor to vary the diet for the children and not place too much emphasis on on-line learning.

If you have any queries about the work, please use the office email to contact staff (office@sacredheart.barnetmail.net). This will be regularly monitored between 9:00 and 3:30 each day and messages passed on. Please realise that a reply will not be immediate and may take 24 hours, but you will get an answer. Please also remember that these updates and communications presume all staff are well; if they are ill we will have to put something else in place which may take a little while.

There are many, many other sites/work books available and many Facebook groups etc. collating work to support children during the next few weeks. Please use whatever you want of these, but do not ask the school staff for follow up on them.

As we said in the newsletter last week, Parents should also encourage children to use this time to read as much as they can; fiction, non-fiction, newspapers and comics are all good ways to vary the reading diet!



If the shutdown goes on for a long time, we will review our practices, but hopefully we will be in a better position for making this call after the Easter holidays.

In the meantime, we wish you and your families all the best during this worrying time and hope that you all keep well.

Yours,

C.A.McMahon
Head



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