

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 27th March, 2020



Purple Mash:

Thank you all for your endeavours this week. We have had a number of enquiries about work not showing as being completed or sent. **Please do not worry about this.** Staff are receiving the updates, at different points in the day. As long as you know that your child has completed the activity that is more than sufficient. Please remember that staff are on a rolling programme so will not be able to reply to all comments posted on Facebook.

If you are unable to complete any set work, or you need to complete the work on different or specific days, then please do not worry about it – we understand that you all have different circumstances to contend with at home – likewise here.

Just complete what you can, when you can. Reading and basic maths (number bonds / table facts) are the main areas to have in your daily routine. Everything else can be ‘caught –up’ at different times which work for you.

School will not be providing any written work as this will cause us more ‘hurdles to overcome’ once school re-opens and for many parents it will only add additional ‘stress’ to the day (usually this type of work requires parental support)

I hope this newsletter finds you all as well as can be during this unusual time. The sun has been shining, which has hopefully made this week a little more bearable while we become accustomed to a new way of living for the next few weeks.

Please remember that school is now shut. I appreciate it appears that we are open, as some staff are in and the school doors are physically open, however, we are now providing a different public service.

We are open as a childcare facility only for those who are deemed vulnerable or in need of provision due to their parents being ‘key workers’. **All children will need to bring in their own packed lunches next week – we have no kitchen facility from Monday.**

Staff are on a rolling programme of work so are not available every day / week to respond to queries or concerns. We apologise for this but this is the way we are being asked to operate for the foreseeable future. I know this feels ‘alien’ to you all, us too, as we have never experienced anything like this before. Rest assured, your children are still at the heart of our decisions and what we are asking of you now and moving forward towards a return to normality and the school doors being open for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Easter Holidays:

Please note that no work will be set over the Easter Holidays. For all pupils, Easter is as normal. This is not the case for the majority of the staff but it is for the children.

Facebook:

Thank you for all the messages and pictures uploaded on Facebook. Please remember that staff are on a rolling programme so are not always available to reply to comments. All queries should be sent in to the 'enquiries' email address - office hours are 9am - 12 noon (most days, not every day and the days will change from week to week).

Mr Gore is working from home, so any calls into school are being diverted to a mobile phone.

During office hours, we will try and respond to your email queries, but it may take longer than usual.

Free School Meals National Scheme:

The Department for Education are hoping to have the national scheme up and running on Monday, 30th March. As yet, I have not received any further details.

Once we have confirmation of the scheme and how it works, we will be in touch with those parents who it affects.

Thank you to:

Mrs Bakkes
Mrs Julien
Mrs Rabbani
Mrs Rawson
Mr Sawyer
Miss Worrall

Who have provided the childcare provision this week. **Enjoy your rest next week.** Next week, staff on duty will be:

Mrs Aldred, Mrs Delargy, Miss Ditchfield, Miss Fearik and Mrs Jones.

Thank you to Miss Dunthorne and Miss Wolstenholme for being on standby every day.

Thank you to Mrs Partington and Mr Barlow for keeping school clean and tidy.

Thank you to Mr Gore and Mrs Langin for providing office support.

Earlier this week, I posted several curriculum links on Facebook. If you missed them, or are not on Facebook, they are attached for your convenience.

Also, for anyone wanting to do complete some self-study, all curriculum topics are on the website:

<https://www.athertonsacredheart.wigan.ch.uk/curriculum/>