

Dear Parents,

Once again, thank you for all of your support during the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus. Having your support has certainly made our work in school much easier. There isn't much to update you on at the moment. I have not yet received the PHE update. This may be because there is a public announcement at 5pm tonight by the Secretary of State for Education. There have been many rumours circulating throughout the afternoon, so I think it pertinent to hear the messages first rather than add any fuel to the proverbial fire.

Father Paul has sent word that all masses have been cancelled for the time being. Please keep him and all of the parishioners in your thoughts and prayers during this time. He sends his best wishes and prayers to us all.

Throughout the day, all of the schools in our consortia (Astley, Atherton, Tyldesley and Howe Bridge) have been in contact with each other – updates on current situations, thoughts and plans moving forward. Some of our plans may be superseded by tonight's news.

For those children who are self-isolating, the packs will be available for collection from the school office tomorrow between 1pm – 3pm and again from 4pm – 5pm. Alternatively, you can collect on Friday, between the hours of 9.30am – 3pm. Please note, these times are scheduled to reduce the greatest amount of contact between yourselves and others. Thank you staff, for working quickly in preparing these. Our thoughts, best wishes and prayers go out to all of our families who are self-isolating.

I have spoken today with some of the children around school regarding our new thought and mission during these times. Remember to smile and let us be the light that shines in the darkness of uncertainty.

Once I have more news to share, I will keep you updated.

Kind Regards

Mr M'Dermott