



# St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we are entering some challenging times with school closures. Although schools are officially closed from tomorrow they are to remain open for children of key workers, NHS, care homes, police, fire service, teachers, retail delivery or manufacture of ventilators and to children who are entitled to free school meals. We have spent today identifying children we feel fit these categories and have telephoned parents to confirm if they intend to take up this offer. This is to ensure we have the correct numbers of staffing available. If you feel you fit into these categories and have not been contacted then please ring to confirm that you would like your child to attend school. Please understand that due to the mixed age range and limited staff, formal learning will cease from tomorrow.

If your child is attending school next week please drop off and collect them from the front entrance at usual school times. Do not send your child to school if they or any family members are unwell. Please follow government guidelines for the length of time they need to be away from school.

Cool Kids will be open as usual for breakfast and after school club.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you have said you wish to take up the offer of packed lunches these lunches will be available between 12.00 and 12.30 from the school gate. All meals that are ordered for the remainder of the term will be stored ready for when schools return to make it an easier and smoother start. Obviously, if any parent requires a refund, we will organise this following our normal cancellation policy.

Home learning has been put onto the school website on the class pages. Work will be put on here each day. If children or parents have any questions about homework then an email address of [homework@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:homework@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk) has been set up specifically for this purpose. This address will only be used to respond to questions regarding home learning. General queries should go to the usual enquiries email.

Children with Education Health Care Plans will be contacted by Mrs Thorogood each week so that she can answer any questions regarding learning.

If you have any concerns relating to safeguarding or to the issues around the parent meeting this Tuesday please contact the office and ask for either Miss Rachel Cannon or myself to contact you.

We do have some good news – Willow Class entered the 'Out of This World' competition. There were 20,000 entries but our children have all been chosen to have their written work published!

At this stage we do not know when schools will be open but we will continue to keep you informed as information from the government changes.

The official last day of term is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Foster  
Interim Head Teacher

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