



St. Paul's Church of England Primary School

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Covid-19 Update

Dear Parent/ Carers,

19.3.20

SCHOOL CLOSURE

As you will be aware, the government announced yesterday that all schools will close tomorrow, Friday 20th March, until further notice. This is an unprecedented decision which we appreciate has not been taken lightly but will cause many of you considerable anxiety and practical difficulty.

We are most concerned for our children who really do enjoy school life, learning and being with their friends. This change of routine will be quite alien to them for such a long stretch of time. We fear that they might want to spend their time in an unreal world; in front of screens. PLEASE limit such time – even though it might be the easy option. The children need time to be creative, imaginative and active. They need time to read, talk and play board games. They need to be outside; running and being free as much as possible.

We shall provide more information tomorrow about how learning resources can be accessed at home.

National Curriculum Assessments have been cancelled this year for the end of KS1 (Year 2) and KS2 (Year 6) , as well as the Year 1 Phonics screening.

SCHOOL PROVISION

As I write this at 2.45pm there is still no decision from government about whether school's need to remain open – and, if so, who for. We shall be contacting you tomorrow about this.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

This is the message that we have been asked to pass on from Wolverhampton Council with regards to free school meals.

'We are awaiting further information about arrangements for children entitled to Free School Meals during the forthcoming school closures. As soon as we know more, we will update here and schools will also be able to confirm arrangements with families. Please rest assured we are doing all we can to support our residents throughout these times of uncertainty and we thank you all for your patience and understanding.'

STAFF CHANGES

As we are unlikely to be able to say farewell over the next two weeks, I am sharing news with you today that **MRS LEWIS** will be moving on to further adventures at a new school at the end of this term. Mrs Lewis has been a greatly valued member of the school team for the last seven years and we know that her warm smile and welcome to families as they begin their school journey in nursery has been greatly appreciated. Our nursery class will be cared for and taught by Mrs Turay in the summer term so they will be in familiar and safe hands.

We hope and pray that Mrs Lewis will find joy as she moves on to the next chapter of her career.

We pray that you and your families will know God's peace, love and care at this very strange time.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Daniel

Headteacher