



**Church of the Ascension**  
C.E. Primary School

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will of course be aware of the developing situation around Coronavirus (Covid-19) and the Government's announcement that schools will close to the vast majority of pupils from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. At present there are a great deal of uncertainties regarding what is going to happen.

We have been told by the Government that schools will need to be available to children of key workers, vulnerable children and to those with an Education Health Care Plan. If you believe that your child falls into one of these categories- and you wish them to attend school - then please contact the school office to register your requirements by emailing [info@chur-ascen.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@chur-ascen.dudley.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will be providing food. At present I am unsure how the arrangement will work, but it will probably involve a packed lunch of some sort.

Tomorrow we will send out a set of information which outlines activities that we have set for your children to do whilst in quarantine. Many of these are fun activities and we are not asking for any new learning to take place at this time. We do not currently know how long the school will be shut for, but we would appreciate it if you could spend time with your children helping them to carry out the activities. Reading – and talking about what they have read – as well as times tables practice will help your child to keep a level of fluency when things begin to return to normal.

In the unlikely event that we remain closed until the end of the academic year, we will be making sure that our oldest pupils do not miss out upon some of the end of Y6 rites of passage. If this means holding these events in the autumn, then we will happily do this for them.

It is likely that some of the information that I have given you will change as the situation evolves, please bear with us as we try to manage this unprecedented event. We will aim to keep communication going to parents through the school's website where there is now a tab labelled SCHOOL CLOSURE. You may also want to follow us on twitter @ChurAscen1 or find us on facebook. We will also be texting vital information links using our teachers2parents service. I hope to be in a position to give more clarity tomorrow, but information from the Local Authority and the DfE has not been sent to us as quickly as we would have hoped.

Yours sincerely,

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