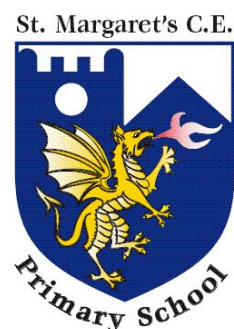


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18th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Coronavirus Update

Thus far no one in our school community, children nor staff, has been tested and confirmed as positive for the virus.

However, we do have a number of staff who have some mild symptoms and are self-isolating as advised by Public Health England and the Department of Education. We also have a number of staff who meet the updated [Guidance on social distancing measures for everyone in the UK and protecting older people and vulnerable adults](#) which was released yesterday.

Therefore, It is with regret that we must close school from tomorrow for all Early Years and Year One children until further notice. This decision has not been taken lightly and has been made after seeking advice from both Oldham Local Authority and Public Health England. As your child's health and safety is our highest priority, after undertaking a risk assessment, it is not possible to allow all children to attend as usual and maintain safe adult to pupil ratios.

You may be aware that several Oldham schools closed yesterday (Tuesday 17th March) and a greater number have had to close today due to staffing issues. We are fully committed to keeping St Margaret's open to as many children as possible as is currently being advised. However, you may also be aware that the national picture is changing daily so we will keep you updated via both text message and the school website.

Please refer to the letter sent yesterday (this is also available on the homepage of the school website) with regards to learning that the children can be doing at home should the school be closed for a prolonged period of time.

Yours sincerely

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