

St. Margaret's C of E Primary School (V.A.)

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St. Margaret's C.E.



17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I wish to share the most recent information I have from the Council in relation to the Corona virus outbreak and also inform you of how the school is responding.

Clearly we have not closed and will only do so in the event of being instructed by Oldham Council/National Government. However, we have taken some pre-emptive and precautionary measures:

My two main priorities are the health & safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, and that learning should continue for all students in the event of a closure.

Guidance states that if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home.

Government advice is that should any member of your household develop a new and persistent cough and/or high temperature, all members of the household should self-isolate for a period of 14 days.

We have carried out risk assessments relating to school events and staffing ratios.

In the event of staffing ratios falling below an adequate level we will have to make the decision to close and will inform you as early as possible. This will be done via text and a message on the school website homepage. A test text will be sent at 9.00 am tomorrow morning (Wednesday 18th March). Should you not receive this message please contact school to update your contact details. In the event of school closure, ongoing communication will be made via text and the school website.

Planned trips and events are cancelled including parents evening - future dates for any cancelled events will be given in due course. In addition extra-curricular clubs will also be suspended until further notice.

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We will continue to carry out regular disinfecting of surfaces and are actively encouraging staff and pupils to observe clean hands protocols. We are supervising young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues.

We have an online learning platform that will enable ALL students to continue with their learning - details of how to access this can be found below.

In the event of school closure, children have access to online learning via Purple Mash www.purplemash.com/StMargarets018, <https://ttrockstars.com/> and the school website www.stmargarets.oldham.sch.uk where learning packs will be provided on the homepage for each class. In addition, those children with access to Google Classroom will be able to continue with their projects.

Kind regards

Dan Whittle
Headteacher