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## **St Ignatius Catholic Primary School** **'An inspired learning community with Jesus Christ at the centre'**

Dear Parents & Carers

24.04.2020

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break. I know it was very different to our usual Easter festivities.

I would like to clarify some of the points in the letter from the BKCAT Trust, which have implications on the children at St Ignatius School.

### **Emergency Contact Number**

Mr Bartram has the school mobile which will be on between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, for emergencies only. Please call 07956 662797 should you need to speak to him.

Other contact methods are still available – Class Dojo, school phone number, and office email [admin@stig.bkcat.co.uk](mailto:admin@stig.bkcat.co.uk)

### **Childcare Provision**

**\*For those parents who have requested places at school during COVID-19\***

**From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, our critical worker children and vulnerable children will now only attend St Ignatius Catholic Primary School. They will no longer attend English Martyrs School.**

Children should arrive at St Ignatius at 8.55am and be collected at 3.20pm.

### **Free School Meals**

Thank you to all our parents who have responded promptly to the messages sent out regarding FSM. Systems are in place now to support families on FSM with the national voucher system.

Any child who is eligible for FSM and currently attending school will need to bring a packed lunch.

## **Phone calls home**

As part of our pastoral responsibilities, we have a duty of care to undertake weekly phone calls home to all parents during the extended lockdown period.

Hopefully, all parents will have been contacted by their class teacher at least once now. Please check your answer phone for any messages. If you missed the call, please contact your teacher on Class Dojo to let them know that everything is ok.

Mrs Ridgeon will continue to liaise with children on EHC plan.

## **Home learning**

I hope you have had chance to read the letter I sent earlier in the week documenting the different home learning platforms. We are aware that certain families have had difficulties with home internet and we will continue to support these families by providing worksheets/booklets where necessary. Please contact your class teacher via Class Dojo to let them know if you are unable access the online learning.

Given that school is open every week now, it should make it easier if you wish to collect work from school.

## **Kid's corner**

I will continue to create a kid's newsletter called Kids Corner and send it out with the main newsletter. A number of parents commented on how their children enjoyed reading it.

## **Parish Communication**

Our Parish community is here to help you at this difficult time. There are a number of groups working hard to support parishioners and other local residents. Please share this message with anyone you know who is in need of assistance.

Fr Richard is available and can be contacted on 01924 275824

Brenda Burnley is coordinating a Parish support group, which can help with friendly phone calls and shopping and can be contacted on 07969553243

Christine is the point of contact for the SVP who are available to support you in many ways and can be contacted on 07595181363.

Catholic Care, the Leeds Diocesan Community Response service, is offering a wide range of support and can be contacted on 07739975001, 07739975008 or 07739975009

## **Reflection**

Yesterday was the Feast Day of St George. His close connection to the physical landscape of our Lord and the descendants of those who knew him is a wonderful thing, as is the fact we share our saint with so many of our brothers and sisters across the world and those who have come from across the world to share life with us here in England.

We pray that we will bring a taste of the kingdom of God to this country we call home and that like George, our faith will be our light, our strength and our guide.

This year's St George's Day comes at a unique and critical point in the history of our nation and the world. This period is changing our lives and will change and influence our nation and the world irrevocably for decades to come.

It is revealing the full extent of the deep social divides in our country yet bringing us together in the clapping for key workers each Thursday evening, rainbows in windows, in the incredibly courage, compassion and solidarity being shown by so, so many, in the sharing of kindness and funny videos on social media as well as in the dreaded daily figures.

My grandparents generation saw and suffered terrible things in the Second World War, yet still talked about that time as if it were a "golden age".

Then as now, the awfulness of what was happening brought out the best in people. We are made in the image of God and when darkness comes, we see God's light shining brightly in and through so many people.

Love and best wishes

Mr S Bartram