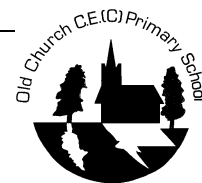

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Covid-19 Update

As you will have seen on the news yesterday all schools will be closed after Friday. There is a lot of uncertainty at the moment and it is almost a guessing game as to what will happen next. We were as surprised as you were yesterday when the Prime Minister announced only partial closures. I have been to a meeting at the LA today where a Phase 1 plan has been drawn up. It is a work in progress and changing on a daily basis.

Who is school open for on Monday?

- Looked After Children in the care system
- Children with a EHCP or in the process of getting one
- Children who are on the social service register at Child Protection, Child in Need or Early Help
- Children of key workers (a letter will follow to explain this)

Parents do not have to send their children to school if they are in this group. It is an opt in process and no child can be forced to attend school. If you would prefer to keep your child at home this is your choice.

You will receive a letter, which will ask you to opt into school later.

Future Plans

Next week Old Church will be open to the above children. In future weeks we will potentially move to a hub system whereby the children may be sent to another school. This is not ideal but staffing schools is proving a struggle and is only getting worse. You will get further information about this next week.

Free School Meals

More information will follow about how the Government are going to support children who have Free School Meals. We have been given several options. I need to look at what is best for our children and how we realistically can deliver the service with a skeleton staff.

Work Packs

We still have work packs for parents to collect for children who are already absent. Please can you now collect them at 3 pm until 3:30 tomorrow. This is the last time I can send these packs out.

Exams

The good news is that this year there will be no:

- KS1 SATS
- KS2 SATs
- No Year 1 Phonic test
- No Multiplications test.

However, this can be upsetting for many children as they have worked hard to prepare for these. Please can you tell your children that we are very proud of them for all the hard work they have done to prepare for these.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding. My staff and children have been amazing. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful school.

Please keep healthy and safely.

Davina Clacy