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Dear Parents,

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 9

School has been partially closed now for two and a half weeks and we are now adapting to our changed environment. We are operating as a skeletal staff, like most schools and a rota system maximises protection and social distancing for the staff as a whole. Whilst the building remains the same, the happy family feel is condensed to a small group of children from day to day.

Key worker parents for whom we are full of admiration, are also communicating well with the school so we can be prepared for increase and decrease of the school's roll from week to week.

Easter Holiday Dates and School Work

I am not asking the staff to continue to post work over the holiday period but to consider adding a few *fun to learn activities* in the meantime. I appreciate all families will have their own routines but a break from such, albeit in the confines of your home or your daily walk, is no bad thing!

Contacting the School Office

All contact now with the school office will be through email. I have no office staff in school today and the office will not be manned every day but both Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Hoban are contactable on admin.stedmundsandstthomas@schools.sefton.gov.uk and hobana.sest@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Remote Learning

I hope that everyone has managed to access the remote learning programmes which are also complemented by Coach Rose PE and fitness programmes. I am very aware that there is no substitution for capturing the child's impulsive response, the 'light bulb illuminating' moment, the 'Now I get it!' or the learning connections which are spluttered out at teatime...we did that in Mrs Class . Our staff will miss these privileged moments and I hope that your children reveal many positive aspects about their learning during the extensive time that they spend with you.

Free School Meals

School is now processing food parcels for children who are entitled to Free School Meals and this approach to this initiative will continue before review after Easter. In extreme cases, we will attempt to deliver parcels but I cannot make any guarantees at this moment given our staffing limitations.

Ormskirk Children's A&E

I hope families will not have need to use this hospital but Ormskirk A&E will be closed from 06 April between 10pm and 8am. Ambulance patients will be taken to Alder Hey. The hospital's A&E service will operate at all other times.

Parents needing urgent medical advice should use the NHS 111 but in an emergency call 999. The booklet, [When should I worry -your guide to coughs, colds, earache and sore throats](#) also provides information for parents concerned about the health of a child. It should not be relied upon for babies of three months or less.

In the meantime, on behalf of all the school community, I wish you a safe and healthy Easter weekend and we will keep in our thoughts and prayers all in our community who have been affected by this pandemic.

Yours faithfully,



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