



# St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents & Carers,

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I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope that you and your families had a restful Christmas holiday.

There can be no-one within our community who is not aware of what appears to be a growing concern about COVID-19 and I wanted to re-assure you of our commitment to ensure the safety of every pupil and staff member within our school family. Each day we receive information from the Department for Education and we continue to keep ourselves up-to-date with announcements on TV and radio. We are determined to implement all the necessary safety precautions to protect our pupils, staff and the community we work in.

We have been tasked to find a strong balance between doing what we can to help prevent the spread of the disease. As a result, the school will continue to stay open unless government advice changes.

It is essential that all of us - staff, pupils, parents and carers - continue to adhere strictly to our safety measures:

- Follow the soft start and end of day procedures carefully, ensure that you arrive/ leave promptly, limiting the time you spend talking to others at drop off and pick up;
- Wear a face mask at all times at drop off and pick up;
- Remain vigilant about the symptoms of coronavirus and ensure that the whole household self-isolates immediately if any member of your household displays symptoms;
- Do not delay self-isolation if your child or any household member is known to have come into contact with a positive case of coronavirus outside of your household;
- Continue to reinforce key messages at home, including 'Catch it, bin it, kill it', and ensure your child knows how to cough or sneeze into the crook of their elbow;
- Continue to ensure your child washes their hands regularly and thoroughly;
- Ensure your child brings the correct equipment, and nothing else, to school each day;
- Continue to support school by following government rules.

## **Before and After-School Club/ Enrichment Clubs**

From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, there will be no Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club, Enrichment Clubs or Music lessons for the next two weeks. We shall review the situation regularly and will reinstate the provision as soon as possible. I recognise that these changes will affect many of you and it is unfortunate that we have had to communicate them to you at such short notice.

Staff and governors continue to pray that all our children, staff and families remain well during these troubling times. We shall continue to do everything we can to keep everyone safe and provide good quality education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. Moore