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## St Paul's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As national and international concern grows about the Coronavirus pandemic, I would like to reassure you that we are following advice from the Government, Public Health England, the Department for Education and Carmel Education Trust, in the best interests of all connected with our school.

I appreciate your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time when decisions and events are very changeable, often at short notice.

Everyone's circumstances are different and I understand that you will need to make decisions about your child's attendance at school based on your own family situation and commitments. **Please follow the current advice that if your child is unwell with a persistent cough or temperature you should keep them away from school for 7 days; of course this advice may be subject to change.** Please ensure that you continue to keep us updated if your child is absent by contacting the school before 10am on the first day of absence. If your child shows any sign of illness at school, we will contact you to collect them.

**Until further notice, all events beyond the normal school day (including after-school clubs) have been cancelled and there will be no out-of-school trips/events until further notice. We aim to minimise the contact children and staff have, to reduce the risk of infection. We will also minimise visitors coming into school, again to reduce opportunities for contact. In light of this, class collective worship where we invite families to attend has also been cancelled.**

We continue to promote handwashing and good personal hygiene and our cleaners are ensuring thorough cleaning of the school building each day.

In the event of any school closure, we will communicate with you through our text messaging service, notification on the school website as well as on the Stockton Borough Council website of school closures. Please ensure your contact details are up to date, especially phone numbers.

Teachers have prepared home learning resources in the event of school closure that will be circulated via a homework tab on the website, (which will be added to the website in the event of closure) as well as physical resources to be distributed if necessary.

Please keep in your prayers all those affected by Coronavirus.

Thank you for your anticipated support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

*S. Sinclair*

Sheena Sinclair  
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