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Dear Parents,

As you will have heard, last night the Prime Minister announced a new national lockdown that comes into force this morning until at least the February half term. During this period of lockdown school will be closed to the majority of pupils except for vulnerable pupils and those of critical workers. I am sending all my love and best wishes to you all in this difficult time.

Remote Education during lockdown: Our remote education provision will be based around Google Classroom to ensure children can engage in effective home learning. Children have already been given their individual usernames and passwords in preparation for this by their class teacher.

What to expect each day: Teachers will deliver a daily welfare check each day on Google Meet, the timings are below. These sessions will include an input from the teacher and introduce some independent work depending on the age of the child. Please ensure your child accesses the lessons each day to ensure they don't fall behind. As the announcement was given with such short notice we were unable to arrange for reading books to be sent home. Please read anything from your homes to ensure children keep practising their reading skills.

Class	Google Meet
Nursery	1.30pm
Reception	10.30am
Year 1	11am
Year 2	9.15am
Year 3	10.30am
Year 4	11am
Year 5	11.30am
Year 6	9.15am

What to work on: Some work will be set on-line and can be completed on-line so that teachers can mark it. If work has to be completed on paper then please find some paper and keep it together in a file to send in later or scan/photograph it and send it in so that children can get some feedback.

Drop offs and collection: To avoid congestion, children attending school can be dropped at the main entrance and Key Stage 1 playground entrance at 8.55am and collected at 3.15pm. The Moorside Football Club gate will be closed until further notice. All children can be picked up from the Key Stage 1 playground at 3.15pm.

Uniform: The children attending school will not be required to wear school uniform.

As Coronavirus is very much in our school community again, it is important that all of us play a part in helping to keep the spread of the virus to a minimum. However, we still need your help. Please continue:

- To ensure that only one adult brings your child to school to avoid too many people being around the school gates at the same time. When people are close together the virus spreads much more easily.
- To wear your face coverings as you enter the school premises or when collecting your child, or when you are inside the school building.
- To ensure that your child regularly washes their hands with soap and water or with hand sanitiser. We know that this works to destroy the virus.
- To try and walk to school wherever possible and keep apart from other people at the school gates.
- To ensure your children comply fully with the isolation rules when they are asked to isolate. Importantly, if anyone in your household is displaying any symptoms of coronavirus, however mild, your whole household needs to self-isolate and book a coronavirus test immediately for anyone who has symptoms. Please do not send your child into school whilst you are awaiting test results for anyone in your household.

The symptoms are a high temperature, a new, persistent cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours, loss of normal taste or smell. Please remember, however, that you should only book a test if you have symptoms. Use www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to book a test.

Nursery Classes: To clarify the confusion over nursery classes. As our nursery classes are part of a school's educational provision as opposed to non-school based childcare nurseries they will be closed in line with the other classes.

Teapots Breakfast and After School Club: Will be closed until further notice.

Thank you for your continued support in this very difficult situation. St Charles Borromeo pray for us.

God bless,

C. Campbell

Dr C Campbell

Headteacher

A prayer for today:
We are not people of fear: We are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
We are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed: We are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving,
Wherever we are, whatever it costs
For as long as it takes, wherever you call us.
Amen

As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love