



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

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## **School Closure Update**

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We write this letter to you having now received more information from the Government and Local Authority. We are coming to the end of the first week of this new national lockdown and hope you have managed to keep safe and well. Thank you for the messages of support and gratitude we have received for keeping the school open to Key Workers, and for providing learning for children at home.

Enfield, especially Edmonton, continues to be an extremely high-risk area, because of the dangerously high levels of COVID which are sadly continuing to rise. We have updated our risk assessment and school provisions to ensure all children and adults are as safe as possible. However, we must stress at this point, if you can keep your child at home, please do so.

Any further registrations, to attend school can no longer be guaranteed as Year group bubble sizes will be restricted to maximize safety. If it is a case that you do need to register your child, please call the office and a member of senior staff will get back to you.

If your child gets ill during the lockdown, whether they are in school or at home, the Local Authority has asked you to still notify the school by email or by calling the school. This is to help inform the borough's response, as it continues to tackle the virus and so that effective Track and Trace can take place if needed.

### **Remote Learning:**

We have seen wonderful work, photographs and videos submitted by children this week. We fully understand that home learning can be difficult for some children, but we only ask that they try their very best.

We want to thank our staff for the amazing home learning provision they have provided in the short notice given. As stated in our previous letter, this work is not optional. If your child is not in school, they must complete the tasks in the time stated by the teacher. Google Classroom details can be given by calling the school office. Any other issues should be directed to [homelearning@st-edmunds.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@st-edmunds.enfield.sch.uk) where a staff member will get back to you as soon as possible.

The school does have a small number of Chromebooks available to loan to students during the lockdown. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list for one of these, please call the school office who will pass your message on. In the meantime, Google Classroom can also be accessed through Xbox, Playstation, all Smartphones and tablets.



### **Extension Of Free School Meal:**

If your child normally receives Free School Meals or is in Key Stage 1 and you want to receive a food parcel, please notify the school office( [Office@St-edmunds.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:Office@St-edmunds.enfield.sch.uk) )by 9:00 am on Friday 8th January. A member of staff will contact you about collection from school.

### **Reception Opening:**

Reception will be opening for Key Workers and vulnerable children as of Monday 11th January. Children are to arrive through the hall between 8:45 am, and 9:00 am each day for registration. Children are to wear school uniform apart from normal PE days and can be collected at 3:00 pm through the Reception gates.

Finally, please keep all those affected by COVID in your thoughts and prayers. We still have several individuals and their families in our own school community recovering from this illness.

This certainly is not how any of us would have wanted to start the new Spring term, but this is another opportunity to show how close a community we are. Please keep in touch with other families in your child's class and try to support one another as best as possible. We fully recognise there will be increased anxiety but do keep in touch, and just like the first lockdown, we will get through it together and stronger.

Take care, and have a lovely evening.

*Jackie Johnstone*  
Acting Head Teacher

*Patrick Kenny*  
Acting Deputy Head Teacher

## **A Prayer for Our World**

God, You alone are worthy of honor, glory, and praise. With You, we can overcome every storm—including the global impact COVID-19 is having on our world.

Right now, we are asking You to:

- Heal those who are sick and protect those who are not.
- Give our leaders extra wisdom as they navigate this pandemic and economic uncertainty.
- Strengthen Your global Church. Reveal to us how we can partner together to reach the needs of those around us.
- Calm our fears. Fill us with Your hope, joy, and peace as we continue to trust in You.
- Use this pandemic to pave the way for spiritual renewal. We want Your glory, power, and healing to be on display.

Come Lord Jesus, come.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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