



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to other"

Head Teacher: Mrs C. Dickinson



18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

The government announced this afternoon **that schools would be closing on Friday 20th March until further notice.**

We continue to follow Public Health England and government guidance for schools. **I would remind you that if your child has the following symptoms, however mild, that they do not come into school:** a new continuous cough and / or a high temperature.

If your child is the first in your household to display these symptoms, **then your child must stay at home for 7 days**, but all other household members who remain well must also stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. Additional information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Should your child become unwell during the school day with a persistent new cough or temperature, they will go to our Isolation Area and you will be contacted immediately.

We continue to reinforce the importance of regular handwashing, hand gel and using tissues which are immediately binned after use. In addition, the school is cleaned every evening and throughout the day, especially with particular attention to contact areas.

On Friday, when the school has to close, I will write to you again, explaining our school continuity plan and how your child will gain access to Oratory Learning Projects.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

In these unprecedented circumstances, Oratory staff and children have been extraordinarily resilient during the past few days. Truly, our school community has shone brightly; in terms of compassion, support and love.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. Dickinson
Head Teacher