



# St Albert's Catholic Primary School

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*"Walking together with Jesus to Love, Learn and Serve"*

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Dear Parents / Carers

As you will be aware, Coronavirus is a rapidly changing situation and we have been working with the Department for Education, Public Health England and Knowsley Council to plan for such a pandemic.

As per the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday we have been directed to close schools for most children. We are prepared and ready to respond to this challenge.

We are writing to inform you that school, Nursery and Alby Tots will close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 3.15pm and remain closed **until further notice**. Parents should check the school website for updates which will be posted regularly and at the very least weekly. We will continue to update Twitter and send texts.

Pupils will be provided with work through the school website under class pages and we have already sent home with work packs. The work will be updated on a 2 weekly/weekly basis. Children will be directed by teachers which work in the pack to complete and when. Please do not let the children just complete the pack haphazardly. We have also sent out a well-being timetable and we suggest that you use this as it will be very important to keep some structure and routines in place.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with an EHCP or a social worker if their parents do not have other provision and want to continue to send them to school. We are currently determining which professions fall under this category and will be gathering more information on this. We will be contacting you separately and to inform you of arrangements tomorrow. In the interim, please let school know by email if you think that you fall into this category.

We encourage you and your children to continue to follow Public Health England advice on keeping yourselves safe. Updated information can be found here :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Pupils who are eligible for free school meals will have their lunches provided for them. Further information about this will be communicated to these families in due course via the Local Authority.

As a school, we will be attempting to make regular contact with children and families who are not in school either by texts, phone calls or use of our on line systems.

With regards to the school closing for our children and families, although somewhat expected, it is such sad news and we hope that things return to normal as quickly as possible. We will miss the children enormously. In the interim, please look after yourselves and your families. We are a strong community and everyone has their part to play so let's all continue to be kind and supportive to one another.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs L McEvoy

Headteacher



