



# 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 and Carers

As you will know we were hoping to be fully open and welcoming the children back to school today. I was saddened to hear last night that we have entered a more stringent national lockdown and that children are not allowed to come to school. I know that many of you will have been very worried and welcome the lockdown and that others will be slightly more frustrated. I do, however, feel that if we must do this now to protect our loved ones that it is vitally important that we all do our part. Unfortunately, this means that school is **partially closed with immediate effect and until further notice.** Children are safer at home and if your child were to remain in school it may have placed them and school staff at increased risk. Ultimately, the safety of children is our priority and this is much more in evidence with the new variant and the rise in cases than the previous lockdown.

## Remote Learning

All children within our school will be provided with a remote learning offer which matches the current curriculum for their year group and progress through their work will be monitored and checked by their teachers. As a school we are currently working on this and all teachers have work already in place on classroom platforms. Given that this announcement and action, in relation to remote learning offer, has come into effect so quickly and with limited notice, this will be an area that we are developing further over the next few days. Most class teachers from Y2 upwards will be trialling a check in zoom with children as some point throughout the day.

It is important to remember that we are in a much stronger position to be able to support your children remotely in both their learning and their personal development needs during this lockdown. Your children are also in a much stronger position to access the learning as we have done a lot of work around this.

## Well-being Calls

With regards to wellbeing and pastoral support we will introduce weekly telephone calls to parents and this will begin this week. You will be called by either the class teacher, the class TA or a learning mentor.

Please also note that if you have any concern you are able to call school and we will support you as much as possible.

## FSM

With regards to those families entitled to FSM we are currently waiting for further advice from the LA but we will get information to you as quickly as it becomes available.

## Learning Packs

We will be gathering paper resources for you to collect for the children so that those who do not have easy access to IT can access learning via a pack. We will contact you with a socially distanced pick up time when these are ready.

Please make sure that you keep yourself and your family safe during this time and follow all National Guidelines. We will be in regular contact with you and working together I am confident that we will get through this hard period. We have a strong community and we will all pull together showing kindness, compassion and understanding.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours Sincerely

Mrs McEvoy  
Headteacher

