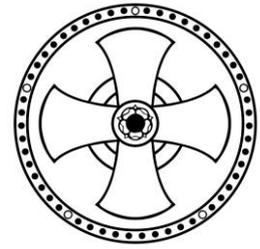




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March 25th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus Update – Routines Until Further Notice and Easter Provision.

I sincerely hope that all of you are well and that life under the lock down arrangements broadcast by the Prime Minister earlier in the week are going as well as can be expected.

First, I'd like to reiterate my thanks for your support in ensuring that wherever possible, children are staying away from school. As you know, in limiting the need for members of our community to travel, we all reduce the risk to each other significantly. You'll be aware that we're running with a skeleton staff at school with colleagues working from home wherever possible and only attending school when they are 'on the rota'. I've asked for staff support in ensuring that their class pages are kept up to date with things for the children to complete whilst they are away from school.

This skeleton staff arrangement will continue until further notice. The scheduled INSET Day on April 3rd will not run and we will instead be open to provide the current arrangements for skeleton provision. I'll be in touch prior to the end of the scheduled Easter Holidays to outline any change to arrangements from week beginning April 20th.

I'm also aware that soon some children will be coming out from their self-isolation period and I'd appreciate knowing in advance if families are intending to send children back to school – the day before is ideal via email to me please. (PaulBarber@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Please remember, the school remains open only for those children where:

- both parents are key workers.
- single parent families are in key work.
- children are vulnerable – have an EHCP, Key Worker or we've asked you to attend.

In all other cases, we should remain at home.

Arrangements over Easter:

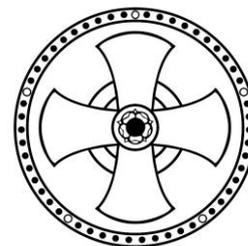
In an effort to support families critical to the Covid-19 response, we have put in place some provision at Our Lady of Lourdes over the Easter Holidays. Children who fit the criteria outlined above will still be able to access childcare at school. In order to book this childcare at a greatly reduced rate, families should contact Anna Gathy on 07712 189861. We are indebted to Anna for offering this as it means our regular staff will be able to have a break whilst also ensuring we support those families vital to the Covid-19 response. Guidance around social distancing and hygiene will still be followed. Please do speak to Anna by 5pm on Wednesday April 1st to book a place.

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I'm also mindful that in the absence of any firm news, anxieties and stresses can really come to the fore. Please do check the website for details of local support groups and strategies that can help. One group I'd like to remember here is our current Year 6 and Year 6 parents; many of whom may be filled with fear over whether or not their last days at Our Lady of Lourdes has already happened. Whilst I'm not in a position to guarantee that this isn't the case; one thing I can promise is that when this crisis is over; whenever that will be, those students and their families will have their Leaver's Mass, their Year Books and potentially even their residential – as well as the disco to end all discos! We may have to be creative and work together to get it done, but it's all very much possible, I think.

Please do keep checking the website, Facebook pages and Ping for further updates.

Take care, everyone.

Kind regards,

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