



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley



**We love and learn together by growing
in friendship with Jesus**

Wednesday 27th November 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing to you regarding the decision to **close the school tomorrow, Thursday 28th November**, due to the levels of illness affecting both staff and pupils. This has been supported by the MAC and Chair of Governors.

I understand that this decision may cause some inconvenience, but the safety and well-being of our children and staff must be our top priority, especially in these exceptional circumstances. Since last week, we have had children return to school, who have not quite been 100% and this has resulted in a significant spread of the virus.

We have been working tirelessly to combat the issue by introducing additional cleaning and handwashing measures, as well as bringing in temporary staff to support the school. However, the situation has become unmanageable, with further staff and pupils becoming unwell this week.

Remote Learning statutory requirement was removed, however, we still have a section on the [school's website](#) for links to access various learning platforms as well as Oak Academy resources, which the children could access.

One of the activities planned for all classes tomorrow is participating in the [CAFOD Advent assembly](#) (which take place at 9:30am) and there are suggested linked activities that children can do within this web page. Children are more than welcome to bring this work back into school to share with their class and teacher. Homework has been sent home with all children today, so this is also something that children can complete, if they are well enough.

We will provide an update tomorrow, once we have full understanding of staffing levels, with the hope that children will be able to return to school on Friday 29th November (£1 donation to wear blue non-uniform for the Feast day of St Andrew) and to bring in a bottle for the PA, linked to the Christmas Fayre.

I apologise once again for any inconvenience this may cause, and I want to thank you for your understanding and support during this challenging time. We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our school community, and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back to the school as soon as it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely

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