

St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School.
"As we grow with God we learn from each other"



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Good morning everybody.

I hope you are all keeping well and safe!

Following the Prime Minister's speech, I am writing to staff and parents as Head Teacher of the school at a time when we are fronting the biggest danger this country has confronted for decades - an invisible, indiscriminate and undetectable killer.

It's vital to slow the spread of the disease; to reduce the number of people needing hospital treatment to save more lives.

We all have the responsibility to stop the disease spreading between households.

My staff are being asked to be at work to support essential workers. My staff are being exposed with no personal protective equipment, and no support or guidance from Government.

Supermarket staff, to transport workers, to carers to the nurses and doctors on the frontline were all thanked in the Prime Minister's speech. The education sector was inexcusably overlooked.

Please do not overlook my staff. I urge you at this moment of national emergency for you to keep your children at home if possible: to stay at home, protect your children, protect my staff, the NHS and save lives.

Staff are looking for leadership; parents and children are looking for reassurance - and scientists for a cure.

I'm looking to you to support my staff by only sending your children to school if there is absolutely no other option. The fewer children in school, the more children I can protect and the more staff I can allow to stay at home to protect themselves and their families.

I know you understand the importance of this message, and your moral responsibility to ensure you do the right thing. Is your job one that is vital in helping in the fight to beat this disease? Can you work at home? Can you reorganise your working hours so somebody is home to care for the children?

Thank you.

Take care. Stay home. Stay well. Stay Kind.

Kind regards

JA Kenny
Head Teacher