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Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 Update

As you are aware, the government has advised that all vulnerable groups and anyone who has family members showing symptoms to self-isolate for a period of 14 days. This has resulted in a significant drop in pupil attendance and has also affected staffing levels within our school.

Unfortunately, it has become impossible to run the school safely and effectively with current staffing numbers. **Therefore, I have consulted with the Board of Directors of St. Catherine of Siena Multi Academy Company, and we have taken the decision to close school with effect from Thursday 19th March 2020.**

I fully appreciate that this may cause disruption to your normal family routine, however, this decision has been made as a last resort and with the safety of your children and the staff at the centre of it all.

These are difficult and uncertain times and if we all support each other as a Christian family, all will be well! I want to thank those parents and carers who have been supportive over this time.

The children in school have been outstanding and are a true credit to you and ourselves. The staff who are in school are working tirelessly to support each other at this difficult time, I know you would want to join me in congratulating and thanking them for putting the care of your children, not themselves first.

Learning

For those not in school, we will upload home packs today and set up online activities for them which can be accessed via our website. We will expect children to complete activities EVERY DAY and READ every day as well as complete Maths activities suitable for their age. If you



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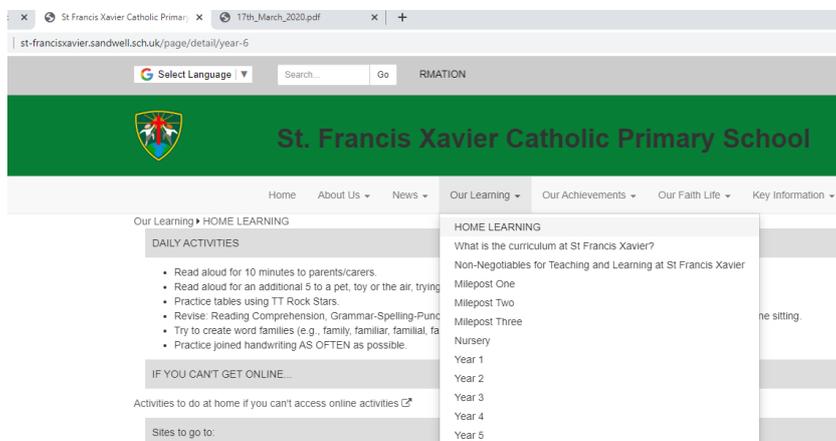
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cannot access activities online, please let the school office know, they can be copied for you.
BUT, this will only be done TOMORROW, between 9am-3pm.

To access online learning for home, go to the school's website, then Our Learning, then HOME LEARNING. It will have year groups to choose from and you can select your son / daughter's year group. See below what you should see on the screen:



Free School Meals

For those children who are in receipt of Free School Meals, you will still be entitled to this and Dolce will be preparing lunchpacks which can be collected from the kitchen staff, during the morning. **Out of courtesy and to avoid waste, please let the school office know about whether or not you will be coming to collect school lunches.**

WE WILL HAVE A COVID-19 INFORMATION TAB ON OUR WEBSITE WHERE ALL LATEST UPDATES WILL BE POSTED. Thank you for your ongoing support in this.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Downes
Head Teacher / Principal



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