



HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well.

This time last week we had welcomed back Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils and were beginning to make plans to reopen school to other year groups. Little did we know then that Wednesday's storm would cause flash flooding resulting in serious damage to the classrooms, hall and access to the school site including St Teresa's (After school Club)

Mr O' Kane and the cleaning team – Mrs Jaskiewicz, Mrs Kavanagh, Mrs Ortiz-Carvajal and Mrs Bennett reacted swiftly to the situation and were able to prevent further damage from the 14 inches of water which found its way into the classrooms and the 12 inches that flooded the school hall. We thank them for their gallant efforts and hard work which has continued since the floods both long into the evenings and over the weekend.

As a result of this and in line with our risk assessment we have spoken to our Governing Body, Multi Academy Board, the Local Authority and the Department of Education. Having taken advice, and whilst evaluating the best course of action for the health and safety of pupils and staff, it is with great regret we have to inform you that only certain classrooms, parts of the playground and the school site can be accessed. As a result of this ***school cannot reopen to pupils in any year group and will only remain open to those children who are in the Key Worker or Vulnerable bubble.***

Following Government guidelines, the children of Key Workers and children regarded as Vulnerable were the priority group since all schools in England were closed on March 23rd 2020.

We have reallocated the rooms available to these pupils, updated the Fire and Evacuation Policy and have begun the process of liaising with our insurance company in readiness to carry out the necessary work and reopen fully next term. Tomorrow we begin a longer term approach reviewing the current drainage system and await advice on how to prevent further flooding of the site.





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In challenging times of such uncertainty this really has come as a shock to us and brought such sadness in not being able to reopen and bring the children back on site. We would ask that you keep up the wonderful job as teachers that you have been doing so brilliantly and access the Home Learning tab for work related activities.

We will continue to keep you updated through newsletters and the school website. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you require any advice, help or support.

We thank you for your cooperation and support during this time and ask that you continue to pray for our school and know that when we are finally back together it will be in faith, hope and love.

God bless,

R. A. Gruening

Mrs R A Girling
Head Teacher

