



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

20th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This period has been challenging for everyone, and we hope you're all adjusting well in these difficult circumstances.

We wanted to get in touch with all our parents/carers whose children are still in school to explain our approach to learning and how we're keeping everyone safe.

Our amazing staff have been working hard to make sure we can continue to provide education for your children while in school. Our current learning approach is:

We will start each day with prayer and with the Joe Wickes workout. The children will then be split into groups so that we can support your children to work through the home learning tasks that have been set by the class teachers. Some of tasks link to previous learning and are good revision; some are set for the children to apply previous learning to new topics. We will have members of staff in school from across the age ranges so there will always be someone the children can ask for help with their work. We will keep the day quite structured with regular breaks. The children will also have the opportunity to use the bikes kindly donated by Cycle Derby.

In the coming days, we will also be sending a link home for the children to access 'Seesaw' – an online platform where teachers and children can share their learning. The children will also be able to access this at school.

We hope you can understand that we can't deliver the same sort of education we do when the school is fully open, but your children won't miss out by being in school at the moment. We've tried to keep everyone's workloads – both pupils coming into school and those learning at home – comparable, appropriate and realistic during this turbulent period.

Please don't worry about your children getting behind with learning. Everyone's in the same boat, and when things get back to normal, we'll make sure we get everyone back on track.

To keep pupils and staff safe, we're:

Following the recommended social distancing guidance by having the children split into larger groups and doing as many tasks outdoors as we can – weather permitting.

Asking the children to wash their hands on entry to school and before they go home and also regularly throughout the day.

Providing first aiders and Designated Safeguarding Leads or Deputies on site every day.



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The school is cleaned regularly throughout the day and a deep clean is ongoing covering every area of the school.

If we feel we can't keep pupils safe, such as if we have staff shortages, we'll work with the local authority to find a suitable alternative school for your children to attend. We'll make you aware if this is the case as soon as possible, and let you know about any transport arrangements set up to help your children get there.

As a reminder – if you, your child or anyone you live with has the following symptoms you must follow [guidance to stay at home](#):

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A high temperature

If your child is sick or needs to self-isolate, please report this to us by ringing school on 01332 572154 or by emailing us admin@stjohnfisher.derby.sch.uk

If you have any concerns or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by phoning or emailing school on the above details.

If you're concerned about the symptoms of the virus please find advice for those with symptoms or living with someone with symptoms on the NHS website online <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from the school community.

Yours sincerely

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