

Tuesday 24 March

To Our Dear Primary Parents/Guardians,

I know that all of you must be in information overload at the moment, but it is important that we at St Dominic's Priory College let you know all that is being done to help support your daughter's learning, support you as a parent in a challenging time and give you the facts which we know can change rapidly;

- Thank you to all who have been sending through emails of encouragement, thanks and support
- We are working day to day at this stage and will keep you informed to any changes which may occur
- To our wonderful **Reception families**, this is certainly not how we would have ever thought your daughter's first year of school would unfold, I am most grateful for your calm approach and communication. This calmness does translate through to your daughter.
- Check carefully all COVID-19 information from the College. There is a live link on the College website [here](#).
- Return your action plan to school as soon as possible. It is of utmost importance that we know that you have an action plan in place.
- Please keep the College informed, if you have chosen to keep your daughter/s at home, if she is well, but you want to be cautious
- Support the school in reminding your daughter to stay positive, hygienic and balanced in her thinking
- If your daughter is unwell keep her at home and notify the College, in the usual manner
- Our Primary teachers want to keep the school day as normal as possible given our challenging circumstances. We will remain positive, calm, but continue to operate cautiously. Enforcing the importance of hygiene, is paramount. All students will be frequently reminded to wash their hands with soap and water and hand sanitizer is also provided in every classroom and a detail clean of each learning space is occurring daily.
- As you can imagine the 4m2 distance is a challenge for our Junior Primary students but what we do see is laughing, friendship, extra teachers on duty and time to talk if needed
- Please check carefully any calls or messages from the College regarding cancellations of any upcoming or future events
- With our girls, it is important to maintain a sense that life will be normal soon, so we are using the words 'Keep Calm, Carry On and Wash Your Hands' (to the tune of Happy Birthday)
- Please be assured that teachers are spending much of their time planning for this possibility of a school closure and in such an event we will support all our families, as best we can
- Your daughter's mental health and wellbeing is of utmost importance, so we will send you information and activities which will help you through a school closure and navigating the many questions that may come your way. We are preparing a hard copy Wellbeing resource.



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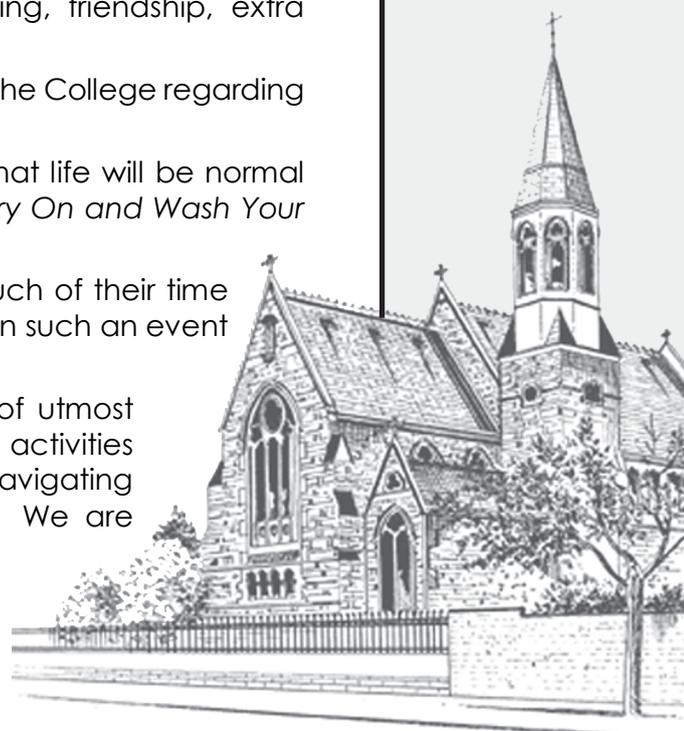
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- The playground is out of bounds before school, at recess and at lunchtime. Class teachers are providing supervised play during lesson time. This is in place to maintain supervised handwashing hygiene before and after play.
- INDEPENDENCE DAY & VISITOR ACCESS: We encourage, as much as possible, to have Independence Day every day while COVID-19 is a pandemic, also limiting parents on site at pick-up times.

We are acting in the interest of the health and wellbeing of all the children in our care and limiting onsite visitors is one of the current recommended controls to schools. Of course, I do understand there are circumstances for our Reception families, in particular, where this may not be possible and we will work with you.

Updated information:

- Our much loved and popular afterschool AUSKICK football program in Term 2, has been suspended until further notice
- Our Thursday Night Term 2 Thunder Cup Netball: we have registered 5 teams this year and the enthusiasm has been fantastic. We are now waiting on impending information from the club and we will be in contact as soon as we know.
- Our Class Masses in the Chapel have been suspended but will be replaced as a class liturgy, which we normally hold during the day
- Our Reception to Year 2 Running Club on a Friday morning at 8:20 will not go ahead at this stage
- I am very interested to know which families do not have a printer. Please communicate this with your daughter's Class Teacher
- We ask that parents are reasonable in their expectations of teachers, who are still delivering face to face teaching and planning programs ahead, in the event of school closures. We thank everyone of these dedicated teachers.
- The volume of parent emails has understandably increased. We know that you will be patient as their response may be delayed due high volume.

Resources for now:

- Some suggested websites/ focus areas which may be of support to you if you are choosing to keep your daughter at home:  
[www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/)  
<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>
- Study-Ladder, regular exercise, reading every day, writing narratives, creative arts- drawing and painting, practise handwriting, etc.

I am grateful for this community and we will endeavour to work alongside you, as we navigate these uncertain times together.

Kindest Regards,

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**Primary Years Coordinator**

