



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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Guided by the teachings of the Church we pray, work, celebrate, and care for each other and other people using the gifts we have been given by God the Father, Son and Spirit.

Faith-filled:

We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.



Hopeful:

We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope – that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.

School is CLOSED to the majority of pupils until further notice.

IMPORTANT: Now Contact Procedure

Thank you to all children and parents who spoke to our teachers over the last two weeks. A new procedure is now in place based upon new guidance from the Department for Education and The Birmingham Education Safeguarding Team:

Which pupils?	What will now happen?	How often will this happen?	Who will I speak to if I call?
All pupils	Text message to be sent to say that your class teacher is in school today, if you or your child has any questions or need assistance with learning please call school on 0121 747 2782, before 3pm. Parents have the option to call school if required. <u>This will be different days for different classes and will not be set days.</u>	Usually once every 2 weeks during <u>Term Time Only</u>	Class teacher
Pupils with a social worker	Contacted via telephone once or twice per week based upon risk assessment carried out and agreed WITH your Social Worker.	Once or twice per week	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Pupils who see Mrs Tennant in school on a regular basis	Text message to be sent to say that Mrs Tennant is in school today, if you or your child has any questions or need assistance call school on 0121 747 2782, before 3pm. Parents have the option to call school if required.	Usually once every 2 weeks during <u>Term Time Only</u>	Mrs Tennant
SEND pupils-all	Text message to be sent to say that Mrs Potter is in school today, if you or your child has any questions or need assistance call school on 0121 747 2782, before 3pm. Parents have the option to call school if required.	Usually once every 2 weeks during <u>Term Time Only</u>	Mrs Potter
Children with an EHCP or Support Plan	Contacted via telephone once per week based upon risk assessment from school where possible.	once per week	Mrs Potter



The majority of our children now need to stay at home until further notice.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text message and on our school website.

Whilst school is closed, we will keep in touch with you in the following ways:

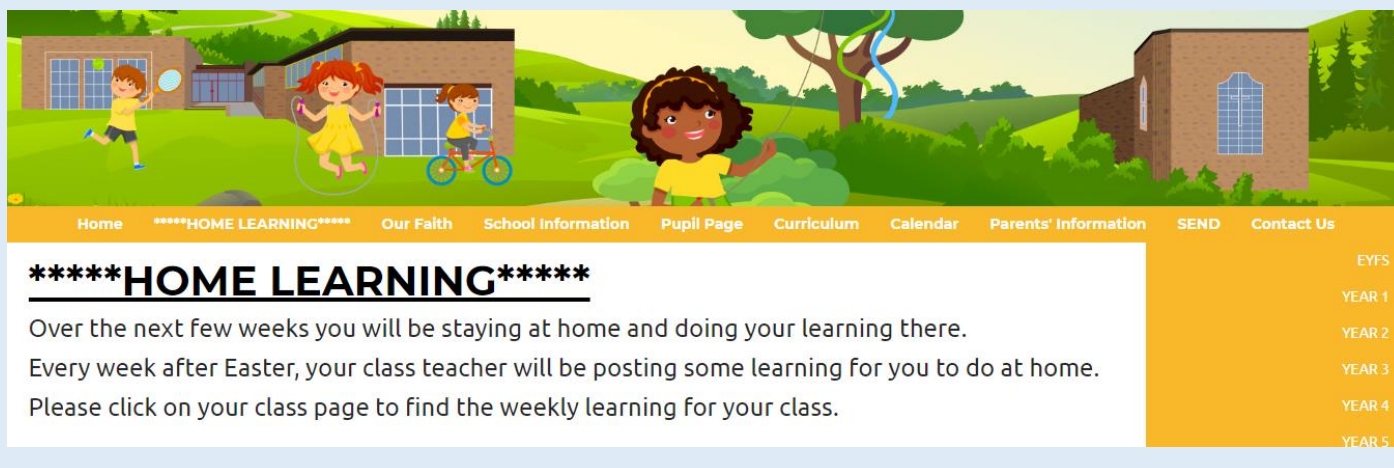
- The school website will be updated with any new information
- The text message service will be used to send short messages
- The weekly newsletter will continue with key information and notices. This is available on our school website. If you have signed up to the service, this is emailed directly to you.
- The schools Twitter account will be updated with any new information

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home:

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn in the following ways:

- In addition to the tasks sent home, children now have access to a 'Homework' tile on BGFL365.
- A weekly plan and links to resources for classes to use will be on the school website after Easter for each year group.
- Our Twitter page has links to new resources and information that we discover daily.
- The school website has a wealth of resources and information such as:
 - *****Home Learning***** area
 - Knowledge organisers
 - Year group guides with full spelling lists and curriculum expectations.
 - POW projects and topic webs
 - Links to websites, suggested book lists and games

<https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/home-learning>



Palm Sunday

[Note: On Palm Sunday there is usually a blessing of the palms and a procession at the start of Mass, as well as the reading of this first gospel. You could improvise your own procession at home.]

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives. There Jesus sent two of the disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied up with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to me. And if anyone says anything, tell him, 'The Master needs them'; and then he will let them go at once."

This happened in order to make what the prophet had said come true:

"Tell the city of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you!
He is humble and rides on a donkey
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

So the disciples went and did what Jesus had told them to do: they brought the donkey and the colt, threw their cloaks over them, and Jesus got on. A large crowd of people spread their cloaks on the road while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds walking in front of Jesus and those walking behind began to shout, "Praise to David's Son! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise be to God!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was thrown into an uproar. "Who is he?" the people asked.

"This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee," the crowds answered.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 [Due to space restrictions we have not reproduced this reading of the Passion here]

Second Gospel reading link: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+26%3A14-27%3A66&version=NIV>





Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect)

Safeguarding tip of the week:

Is your child worried about the current developing situation? Child line can help visit:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>



This week we wished a very 'Happy birthday' to:

Joseph (EYFS)

'Happy Birthday' to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the Easter break:

Niamh and Amelia N (EYFS) Olivia (Year 1) Colm (Year 2) Tayla (Year 3)
Summer (Year 4C) Alexa (Year 5) Tyler (Year 6)

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via emailing enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk.

We anticipate that our limited telephone lines will be extremely busy over the next few days, so please **only contact the school office in an emergency.**

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use **NHS 111 online**. Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Dates for your diary

We will update you as soon as we have any information about return to school dates.

In the mean time, please look after yourselves and all of the staff of Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School are holding you in our prayers and thoughts.

*God of truth, we thank you for sending us your
Son Jesus. Open our hearts so that we may see
him in other people and do what we can to
make the world a fairer place. Amen.*



May God's Blessings be upon us all at the time,

Helen Milligan
Head Teacher

Andrew Spindlow
Deputy Head Teacher

