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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for working with us as we all do our best to deal with the current situation on a daily basis. Our community have worked tirelessly to maintain a sense of order but unfortunately this has become unsustainable. Staff shortages have necessitated a range of measures from classes merging, all available teaching staff covering lunch duties and available part-time staff working full time hours; however in spite of this we now appreciate that these short term measures are very limited.

I have spoken with our Chair of Governors and with senior staff today and have very reluctantly taken the decision to remain partially open from Years 1 to 6 as from 19th March and to close our school for two weeks on Friday 20th March 2020. We will continue to monitor events and will keep you up to date but intend this closure to take us up to the Easter break. We cannot at this stage anticipate decisions that will be taken for the summer term, so for the time being we can only say that the school is closed for the remainder of this term.

Staff have prepared work that will be regularly updated on itslearning and paper copies will be given to those families who have requested this in advance. We will continue to keep you updated via Parentmail, itslearning and the school website.

Please continue to follow all advice given from Public Health England and remind our children of the importance of praying for a speedy resolution to events and to also pray for the sick.

May Good continue to bless and protect you.

Kind Regards

Miss S McGuiggan Mrs C Selwood



“Tonight before falling asleep

Think about when we will return to the street. When we hug again,

When all the shopping together will seem like a party

Lets think about when the coffees will return

To the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other.

We think about when it will be all a memory

But normally will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift.

We will love everything that has so far

Seemed futile to use. Every second will be precious.

Swims at the sea, the sun until later, sunsets, toast, laughter.

We will go back to laughing together

Strength and courage.

See you soon!”

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