



## LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD



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Dear parents,

The announcement by Boris Johnson last night really underlined the fact that we are in the midst of a national emergency and we all need to play our part in preserving life and following guidelines for the greater good of society. We are proud at St George's school, through our willing and dedicated staff team, to fulfil our role of caring for the children of key workers to allow them to perform their vital everyday jobs.

I must stress that school remains open **only** for those children of key workers who have **no choice**.

*"Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors....many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**"*

In this time of national emergency, we are a last-resort childcare. We are not able to admit children to make it easier for others to work from home – if a child can be at home – then they should be at home. To send them to school when there is an alternative, no matter how inconvenient, is posing a major health risk to both the child and others that they come into contact with. Staying at home limits the chance of the virus spreading.

Thank you to those parents, many of them keyworkers, who have arranged alternative childcare so that the social distancing strategy can be effective. If we have a large number of children at school, we are not adhering to social distancing requirements, which will affect all of us.

### DB Primary

I hope that the issues that plagued DB Primary yesterday have been resolved; things seem to be operating more smoothly at school today. Please be aware that this is a facility for the children to



access their work and communicate with their teacher when needed. It is not a facility for parents to email the class teacher. Parents emailing teachers using the children's email on DB Primary means that teachers have less time to dedicate to the children's work. If you need to contact the class teacher, please use the usual channels, which is by emailing the school office.

### **Easter Opening?**

There has been no decision yet as to whether schools, in some form or another, will be open over the Easter break. I will alert parents as soon as the provision in Enfield is organised.

### **Enfield Sings**

Today was scheduled to be the Enfield Sings performance by our year 1 children. If you have a child in that year group, why not ask them to stage a recital for you? We are so disappointed that this wonderful musical event will not be going ahead.

### **School Opening Hours**

School was meant to close at 2pm tomorrow to facilitate parental consultations. As we open for key workers, school will close at 3.30pm

### **A Prayer to Share**

We continue to pray for those members of our community who have been affected by the Coronavirus outbreak. Please find a prayer overleaf for your own contemplation, or to share with your family.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr P O'Rourke  
*Headteacher*

You are a light that shines in the darkest times,

**Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.**

You comfort us in times of fear,

**May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.**

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

**May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.**

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,

**May we be led to share what we have with those in need.**

God of life,

We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

**May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.**

Amen.