

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

As you know the school building is out of use while we put safety measures in place.

We are working to ensure that the impact on pupils is kept to an absolute minimum. Your child's education is paramount to us, and we are committed to continuing to educate pupils face to face or make virtual provision where this is not possible.

Unfortunately, the school building will need to be closed on **Wednesday 6 September** while we finalise alternate arrangements. School will provide learning resources via social media.

We are working on alternative arrangements to have Nursery and Reception children taught face to face by our staff at English Martyrs Catholic Primary School. And for our Year 1-6 pupils to be situated at Gabriel House, which is located next to St Anthony's Catholic Academy (by kind permission of Sisters of Mercy, Sunderland) and taught by our own staff.

Parents will be advised with precise details later this week. We are currently working on logistical arrangements and ensuring all the necessary health and safety and safeguarding checks are in place.

The Department for Education will be supporting us throughout and will also be assisting with longer-term remediation measures so that we can bring all pupils back into school once we are fully confident it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher