Our Ref: CDR/MMcG

Your Ref:

Telephone: 0141 577 7280

Fax: 0141 5707281

Email: headteacher@ourladymissions.e-renfrew.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Catherine Dillon-Ruddy BEd(Hons) MEd

Date: 19 March 2020

Our Lady of the Missions Primary School

Robslee Road

Thornliebank

Glasgow G46 7DD

Dear Parent / Carer

You will be aware that the UK and Scottish Government have made the decision to close schools on Friday in response to the spread of Covid – 19 (Coronavirus).

I would like to reassure you we have plans in place to make sure our pupils have every opportunity to continue their education regardless of the circumstances we may face. Please see the [Remote Learning Policy](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/public/OurLadyMissions/uploads/sites/96/2020/03/19153443/OLM-Remote-Learning-Policy.docx) which reflects a clear commitment to reinforce skills and give our pupils access to learning activities which will meet their needs building upon prior learning.

Our staff will follow the class timetable as far as possible with reinforcement and consolidation of skills and concepts. All classes from Primary 1 to Primary 7 have a Google Classroom. Please use these links to assist you and your child when using Google Classroom: [Google Classroom Guide](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/public/OurLadyMissions/uploads/sites/96/2019/04/Guide-to-accessing-Google-Classroom.pdf), [Google Classroom Pupil and Parent Helpsheet](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/public/OurLadyMissions/uploads/sites/96/2020/03/19151038/Pupil-and-Parent-Helpsheet.docx) and [Google Classroom Help Video](https://glowscotland.sharepoint.com/%3Av%3A/s/test3799/EceEbdbqPoBHpy7vpwaBy6MB6Q016z3nZdON1AypqyniRg?e=e4FwDD).

The children have been issued with a *Home Learning Journal* where they can record their learning journey. (*If your child has been absent we will leave the journals and where appropriate, learning packs, for collection from the main building tomorrow*). Please ask the children to log in and each classroom will have instructions for the pupils thereafter. If you indicated that you required a device for home learning then this will be provided by staff.

Regular teacher check-ins with pupils will provide direction, give feedback and offer an opportunity for pupils to ask questions.

In order to support Government advice the following is advised at home:

* Reinforce NHS guidance:
* Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitizer gel, regularly throughout the day.
* Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands.
* Cough / sneeze into your sleeve if no tissue.

I want to thank you for your recent understanding as we have made changes to planned events, however we want to ensure we are helping protect our community as well as our pupils.

As a school community, especially on this Feast of St Joseph, we suggest we offer a decade of the Rosary daily to pray for all affected by this situation. The [PowerPoint presentation](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/OurLadyMissions/the-school-day/curriculum/core-curriculum/rerc/daily-rosary-reflection/) might be helpful for your reflections.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Dillon-Ruddy

Head Teacher

Our Lady of the Missions Primary School