19th March 2020

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.

There is clear commitment from all our staff to reinforce skills and give our pupils access to learning activities which will meet their needs building upon prior learning.

**Provision of Learning and Teaching**

* Our staff will provide a teaching and learning overview each day to children using Google Classrooms and / or using your email account. Children should complete the learning activities provided.
* All classes from Primary 1 to Primary 7 have a Google Classroom. Children can access this using their glow account and should aim to do so each day.
* The children have been issued with a *Home Learning Pack* which can be used to supplement the daily overview.
* A *Home Learning Log* will be sent home where children can record their learning journey each week. A learning log, or learning journal, is a way for children to record their knowledge and understanding in whichever way suits them best, allowing them to take control of their learning and be creative!
* Regular teacher check-ins via google classrooms and email will provide direction, give feedback and offer an opportunity for pupils to ask questions.
* Will create link to useful resources.
* Continue to follow our twitter for updates.
* For any issues related to home learning please contact [gw09gilliesian2@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09gilliesian2@glow.sch.uk)

**School Packs**

School packs will be sent home today and tomorrow with pupils. **For pupils not in attendance**, **packs can be collected between 9 – 3.15 pm tomorrow from our school office**. **For anyone self-isolating and unable to collect school packs, they will be delivered tomorrow after school by volunteers.**

Please follow national and local guidance. At a school and local level, we will continue to update you as speedily as we can.

As our Bishop said to me in correspondence only today, “Thank God we all have the consolation of our faith in God’s providence and the assurance that, in turning to Him, *all manner of things shall be well*.” Although there are no Masses taking place, **Father Joe** has confirmed that St Thomas’ Church will be open from 7.30am 🡪 6pm.

Kind Regards,

Mr Ian Gillies

Headteacher

St Thomas’ Primary