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HEADTEACHER **Mr I Gaughan BA**

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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

I am writing to update you on the school's plans regarding Corona Virus.

Closing school will only be done on government instruction as a last resort. I am mindful of the effect that closing school will have on your daily working lives and so, ensuring all children and staff are safe, school remains open as normal.

If school is required to close at any point we have plans in place to continue to educate our children and provide support and care for our pupils remotely. This will include setting work through *Show My Homework* and the school website.

Where children are self-isolating, we cannot provide individual work but would recommend using the on-line resources which are attached. Where appropriate, other on-line resources will be posted on *Show My Homework* for specific subject areas.

During the summer months, it is possible that exams boards may be forced to change the summer examination dates, so we would advise against booking any holidays before the end of the summer term on the 16 July 2020.

We will use our website and Twitter pages to update you with important messages. We also use our text messaging service. Please ensure we have your most up-to-date mobile phone number and your email address. To update your contact information please email admin@holycross.lancs.sch.uk

For now, the school remains open as normal. We will continue with our cleaning and hygiene measures and ask that you support us by encouraging pupils to follow this advice at home. Decisions on future events involving the school for the remainder of the school year will be shared in good time and made in good faith. Many sports fixtures have been cancelled but we intend to continue with sport practices and clubs where possible, subject to staff availability. Some enrichment activities during the school day have been cancelled to reduce disruption to lessons; we are prioritising quality taught lessons.

We will keep you informed of any significant decisions or developments in the days and weeks ahead.

I can reassure you that we are following all Public Health England guidelines to ensure your child continues his/her education and is safe. We are in unprecedented times but we hope to maintain our standard of education by taking sensible, calm and proportionate action when necessary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Gaughan
Executive Headteacher