



**COWBIT ST. MARY'S (ENDOWED)
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you to everyone for supporting each other during this time of concern. We will be closed to a large majority of pupils as of Monday 23rd March. The government is continuing to advise us on decisions which are made and we will do our best to keep you informed. Your quick reply to our letters has really helped us in planning for next week and the immediate future.

The government guidance states: "If children **can** stay safely at home, they **should**, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open **only** for those children who absolutely need to attend and cannot arrange childcare."

We are following government guidance to ensure safety of all pupils and be able to continue to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus. We will only be able to facilitate childcare for a specific amount of children. Unfortunately, depending on the amount of responses and the constant changes from the government, **we may not be able to offer all eligible children with childcare.** Please keep this in mind during this difficult and confusing time.

Childcare provision will be supplied for:

- Children where parents are key workers (details on government website)
- Children who have an EHCP (Educational Health and Care Plan)
- Children who are in care (LAC children)
- Children who have a social worker

If you fall into one of the above categories and **cannot** source your own childcare, please email bruce.johnson@cowbit.lincs.sch.uk joanne.drew@cowbit.lincs.sch.uk.

At the moment, we will be open between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To reduce the amount of people in the building, staff have been asked to work from home where possible. A rota has been created for staff to care for pupils during this time.

★ **Please email joanne.drew@cowbit.lincs.sch.uk so we can ensure we have your current email address. We will ensure data protection regulations are followed as we would in school.**

Thank you again,
Mr Johnson and staff

We are very proud of our school for being acknowledged as 'Good' by the National Society of Anglican and Methodist Schools.

'...a warm and friendly feel to the school and staff know pupils and families extremely well.'

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Our Vision

We are a small, inclusive Church of England Primary School that welcomes everyone and encourages all voices to be heard. Through challenge and support, we strive towards each person becoming the best person God intended them to be, happily flourishing as human beings. We empower our whole school community to be hopeful about the future and to be drivers of positive change.