

Email to Parents 9.4.20

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are healthy and that you are managing the lockdown conditions as best you can. I can appreciate it may be particularly challenging if you don't have your own outdoor space.

CYC have provided some links that may be helpful to you for support with the current situation.

Advice on benefits and financial support for families

<https://www.york.gov.uk/COVIDFinancialHelp>

Links to general advice for families

<https://www.york.gov.uk/COVIDSchoolsAndFamilies>

Please feel free to email school on stbarnabas@york.gov.uk if there's anything that we can help with. We may be able to signpost you in the right direction for some support.

Schools NOT re-opening soon

You may have seen the media article this week indicating that schools should re-open soon.

The Department for Education has issued the following statement in response:

Our position on closures is clear: schools will remain closed until the scientific advice indicates it is safe to open them.

A Government Spokesperson said:

"Schools will remain closed until further notice, except for children of critical workers and the children who are most vulnerable.

"We will re-open schools when the scientific advice indicates it is safe to do so."

Schools do not have any other information at the moment about timescales for re-opening but we will let you know as soon as we do.

School remains open to provide childcare for children of key workers and children who have social workers if there is no one else to safely care for the children at home.

Please email stbarnabas@york.gov.uk if you need this (including during the holidays), giving at least 24 hours notice wherever possible.

Family Activities

I hope that you are finding plenty to keep you occupied. I have been trying online exercise classes, baking and I am thinking of trying some painting this weekend...

Families Get Active are offering online 'Active Photography' sessions. Please follow the link below to book a place.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-families-get-active-online-photography-tickets-101723513768>

Easter

This Easter weekend will be very different to usual and it will be hard not seeing family and friends. I hope that you can still enjoy some positive family time at home.

St Barnabas Church have livestreamed joint services with @stpaulsyork going out on [#MaundyThursday](#) [#GoodFriday](#) and [#EasterSunday](#). You'll find them all on the [#YouTube](#) channel here: <https://t.co/TEmLLAQ3LA>

With very best wishes for a Happy Easter.

Miss Karen Boardman and all the staff

Headteacher