



Archdiocese of Birmingham  
**St. Gerard's Catholic Primary School and Nursery**  
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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. We are coming to the end of our third week of school closures, and to the scheduled end of the Spring term.

The instruction from the Department for Education remains the same at this moment – schools must stay closed to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We all have our part to play in this, which is to **Stay Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives**. At St Gerard's over the last three weeks, we have remained open to support families of keyworkers. I wish to thank all of the staff for their support with this provision, and I wish to thank those parents who are tirelessly working on the 'front lines' in the fight against this cruel virus. The staff of St Gerard's will continue this support throughout the school holidays and as long as we are needed.

Over the last few weeks, you will hopefully have noticed changes to the 'Home Learning' area of our school website. There is an abundance of activities and ideas on there that you may wish to try with your children after the Easter holiday. Please also check our Twitter feed; we often share information and resources on there.

The teachers and teaching assistants thoroughly enjoyed talking to you and your children this week. We will aim to keep in contact at least fortnightly with everyone by phone call. This is not to check on your progress with home learning, it is to see if you are all safe and well – and because we miss you! The children never fail to put a smile on our faces. If you need to contact us, the school answer machine is checked daily or email 'enquiry@stgerard.bham.sch.uk' and we will get back to you.

On behalf of all the staff at St Gerard's, we wish you and your family a happy and holy Easter. Easter is a time when we remember God's unconditional love for us. God is with us through this crisis. Please take time to pray together each day. As a staff, we pray together daily for all of our children and their families. We pray that you all are safe, happy and healthy. We pray that we can overcome these challenges quickly and by supporting each other, showing love to each other and by following government guidelines we can all be back together in school soon.

God bless.

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