**School closure from Friday 20th March**

The Government have decided that schools are to be closed to most pupils due to the coronavirus apart from the children of key workers and those with certain needs.

If you are a key worker and need your child to be in school please let the school office know immediately. The Government have yet to publish their full list of who they regard as keyworkers but we anticipate they are NHS staff, armed forces personnel, teachers and childcare staff, care home workers, social workers, police, community support and civilian police workers, prison officers, probation officers, firefighters, local authority planning officers, environmental health workers, highways agency traffic officers, supermarket workers and delivery drivers.

For parents/carers of pupils who are remaining at home whilst school is closed we would like you to do some of the following activities with your child/children.

Practise number bonds or times tables

Practise spellings

Read books and talk about them

Go onto the school website ([www.stoswaldswigan.sch.uk](http://www.stoswaldswigan.sch.uk)). There are lots of links to suitable websites

Watch educational programmes on TV

Try out some of the activities on the attached sheets

Please keep checking the school website and twitter (@saintoswalds) for news and we will text you with updates as we get them.

You can contact school on the usual email address [enquiries@saintoswalds.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@saintoswalds.wigan.sch.uk) if you have any questions or any news you need to tell us.

Our staff will, as always, work tirelessly to ensure that we all get through this current challenging and unprecedented situation. We hope and pray that everyone remains safe and well and we look forward to welcoming you back as soon as we are able to. At present, we do not know when that will be.

Mrs Hassan Headteacher

Mrs Morgan Hillam Deputy Headteacher

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