



**St Cuthbert's
Catholic High School**
Live life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout these challenging times, our community have and continue to be at the heart of everything we do. We take our role and responsibility very seriously. Some of you may have seen our post earlier this week across our social media platforms from @allontheboard stating:

'Whatever this week throws at us, we can handle it; We are stronger than we think we are, Life may get hard, but, **WE WON'T QUIT.**'

We want to continue to thank all students and their families for their efforts, hard work and support under these very difficult times. Once again, in these extraordinary times, you've all shown just how fantastic you can be.

We know that there have been some teething problems with accessing some of the lessons and children forgetting passwords etc. which we are continuing to try our best to fix and we are here to support you in whatever way we can. Please do get in touch if you have any more questions or queries, we'd be more than happy to help.

Our Golden Rule is the principle of 'treating others as you want to be treated'. We would request that when you do get in contact with us you do not abuse members of staff or make disparaging remarks about staff or the school. We are all working tirelessly to ensure that we give our young people the best opportunities to work safely at home, to progress and to get the best education possible whilst this situation is in place.

It is our aim that everyone is safe, happy and can access their learning. We continue to request additional IT support for families that do not have appropriate access to computers and Wi-Fi but this is out of our control in terms of when they arrive and how quickly the resources can be turned around and out to you. Similarly, it is the case with Free School Meal vouchers. We will keep you updated when we have more information about them. Thank you once again for your continued cooperation and support in both those matters.

May we ask that you think very carefully before requesting your children come into school, especially while we are under such strict national lockdown restrictions. This is in order to keep us all safe and well. We understand that it can be hard for the children to be at home in these unparalleled times. It's not hard because you are doing it wrong, it's hard because it's too much. Do the best you can.

We are all feeling overwhelmed, stressed and under pressure. What we are being asked to do is not humanly possible. There is a reason we are either a working parent, a stay-at-home parent, or a part-time working parent.

Hang in there St Cuthbert's, we will get through this and we will do it together.

Be safe. Be kind. Be strong.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Twist
Headteacher

