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## Psalm 36: 7

**‘How precious to Your loving devotion, O God, that the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.’**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a newsletter that I never thought I would have to write. This week, school partially closed for the foreseeable future for all pupils except to those who have parents/carers who are critical workers or for our most vulnerable children.

Our staff will continue to support you all, albeit in a more remote manner. But for some of you, we will continue to provide childcare and to go above and beyond, caring for your children whilst you work to ensure we can all do our but to help fight this terrible pandemic.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have shown your support over the last few weeks; it has been much appreciated. I also want to thank my staff, who have families of their own, but have shown nothing but willingness, resilience and compassion to do whatever it takes to support our children and school community. I am incredibly inspired and proud of their dedication to your children. Our children, staff and parents truly have lived out our school's Mission Statement, which seems more apt than ever before, to **Love** one another, **Live** with respect and kindness and to continue to **Learn** through difficult times.

It has been wonderful and reassuring to see so many children engaging fully with the learning activities sent home- Dojos messages have reinforced what amazing children we have at Holy Family, that they are determined to learn through the toughest of times. Please remember that you are, and always will be your child's primary educator. If you decide that your child isn't going to engage with anything sent home and is going to spend the entire period playing in dirt, or baking or watching TV, then that is your choice. That is your right. There is nothing to feel guilty about.

I would also like to reassure you that if this is a prolonged closure, we will ensure that our wonderful Y6 pupils get the send off that they deserve (parents/carers of Y6 children, please see separate Dojo message).

We are missing seeing your beautiful children each day, they light up our lives and we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers daily. We look forward to seeing them again when school fully reopens and will ensure a fantastic 'welcome back' celebration for all.

Keep **loving**, keep **living**, keep **learning**, but most of all, keep safe and keep smiling.

Thank you,

Mrs J Taberner  
Executive Headteacher



