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Mission Statement "We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Dear Parents,

31st March 2021

I hope you are well and looking forward to the end of term for some rest and relaxation with your children. We are disappointed to close Years 5 and 6 (following a positive test result). I am sorry for the disruption this causes for families and staff especially so close to the much needed Easter break.

Public Health England advise that if a class has to close, all pupils in that class must isolate at home for ten days, PHE directs the school to send the letters to Year 5 and 6 parents and to all other classes. Symptoms of Covid do materialise within the ten day period, even if you get a negative result, (which happened with a member of staff). Parents have a responsibility to keep our school and the wider community safe. Failure to do so risks a rise in the spread of the virus. Please act safely.

Cancelling the Easter Egg trail is a precautionary measure to avoid any risk of further closure close to the holiday, which I hope you will understand.

Polling Day update - Further to guidance from LBTH we will be able to open the school for all classes on Polling Day, Thursday 6th May. We will complete the risk assessment to keep our school community from direct contact with the polling area, which includes the foyer and school hall. Pupils will enter from the playground only and bring their own packed lunch which they will eat in classroom or garden area. More details will be provided closer to the time.

School photographs - The photographer is booked to take class, family and individual photographs on Monday 19th April, our first day back to school after the holiday, so all should look super smart!

Pupil progress meetings - Teachers will contact you as soon as we return to arrange Open Evening at the start of term. Year 1 and 2 pupils will complete their assessments after the first week back to school.

Easter Blessings - From all the staff in English Martyrs we wish you and your families, here and across the world, a blessed and hope filled Easter. We pray that Jesus may live in our hearts and that we always embrace Him with love and gratitude especially as we reflect on the past year. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives and our homes and families.

We look forward to welcoming all your children back to school on Monday 19th April.

Yours sincerely,
Miss B Nugent

