



SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Further to my previous communications, I wanted to provide you with an update on our current situation.

As you are aware on Monday evening the government announced that households were to self-isolate for 14 days if one member had displayed symptoms. Since yesterday we have had a large increase in both students and staff who are now in this position.

Today we have had to make major changes to timetables due to the level of staff who, under current government guidelines, are unable to attend school.

Your child's safety and well-being is my highest priority. Despite all of the changes we have put in place today, it has become untenable to remain open. Therefore, I have unfortunately made the decision to close the school to pupils as of 3pm today.

Pupils with medication in school

Our School Nurse Mrs K. Cheevers-Morgan has reviewed the medicines kept in school for our pupils. She is in the process of contacting families to ascertain if some pupils will need to take medicines home with them.

Teaching and Learning

All pupils can access work on the portal in the usual way. Also all pupils can access school emails.

Examinations and coursework

We are awaiting further guidance from Ofqual, the examination boards and the DfE. We will communicate with you as much as possible when we receive updates.

Emotional support for students

A number of students are in receipt of support, with both internal and external providers. While the school is closed to students we suggest the following support agencies:

Kooth provides free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. For further information please visit their website

<https://www.kooth.com/>

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Pause located in Digbeth runs drop in sessions Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am - 6pm, Wednesday 12pm – 8pm and Saturday and Sunday 11am – 4pm. You can find further information on the website below.

<https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>

Mind have also released information on Coronavirus and wellbeing, This can be found on the following link. <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

Support for students who are entitles to free school meals

We have been liaising with our catering providers 'Aspens' to ensure we can provide for students who are entitled to free school meals. Students will be given 2 packed lunches this afternoon to accommodate the students until the end of the week.

If the school closure continues next week 'food parcels' will be prepared on a weekly basis. Details of how these can be accessed will be sent out in due course.

The current guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

If you have any concerns please do contact the office office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk this email will be checked every day during a term-time closure.

This decision has not been taken lightly, the safety of our St. Peter's School Community is our priority. All updates will be communicated to parents via the website, email, text, twitter and Facebook.

We pray for the health and well-being of all in our community especially for those who are currently ill.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Murphy, Headteacher

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