



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Coronavirus School closures

Following yesterday's announcement from the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson and the Secretary of State for Education Gavin Williamson, St James' will close to the majority of students from Friday 20th March at 3pm. **The school will remain closed until further notice.** These are unprecedented events over which the school has no control.

As detailed in the Prime Minister's speech those students whose parents/carers are key workers or any students with an EHCP will be able to arrive at school no earlier than 8.30am in full school uniform. Registration will take place as normal at 8.45am and a text will be sent out to confirm your child's attendance. School will finish as normal at 3pm. Unfortunately school buses will not be running.

Please email keyworker@stjamesheadle.co.uk by 12pm on Friday 20th March to let us know that you are a key worker and that your child will continue coming to school from Monday. In households with two parents this will only be available where **both** parents or carers are key workers. Please include in your email details of both parents/carers' current roles and the days you both work. We will then add your child to our register for these days. We are fully committed to being as supportive as possible to our families, and we also need to ensure that we are able to safely supervise any children in school.

As the situation continues to unfold information will be posted on our website and via Twitter. Our website also lists contact details for key staff such as Safeguarding contacts, individual teachers and for any general enquiries.

In order to support our students with their learning at home, staff will continue to upload resources to Show My Homework (SMHW) throughout the period of time that students are not in school. In addition to this our Twitter feed will be updated with ways to access additional resources for example through *Twinkl*. Please do contact teachers directly if you would like to discuss any of the resources on SMHW.

I ask for your patience, understanding and prayers at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher