



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

Headteacher Ms P M Hanrahan BA (Hons)

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Last night we were directed to close the school as per the government's order. Our plan for this now goes into action. We are working to ensure that the partial opening is available from Monday 23rd March for students that the Government have identified as being able to access school can; those who are vulnerable; have an EHCP or are the children of Key Workers.

For all others the school is closed after the end of school on Friday 20th March. We will keep you updated via our website and schoolscomms. We want to make this period of uncertainty as smooth and as calm for all of our community so that when we open again we are in as strong a position as we can be to take up where we left off.

We hope that you and your child/ren can access firefly as this is our method of putting daily work on. This will be uploaded as per your child/ren's timetable. If your child/ren needs to ask questions they can send a response through firefly and teachers will answer within 24 hours as long as they are well and can respond.

We are aware that year 11 and year 13 will be unsettled by the news that there are no exams this summer. We are told that they will get their qualifications but how this will happen is still to be advised by Ofqual. We are not sure how this will pan out so we will set work on firefly to ensure that all students have covered all the work they should have done and be as fully prepared in all subjects. This is to ensure that they still have access to all the teaching and learning they would have if school was open and to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills for their post 16 and post 18 choices; e.g A levels; College Courses, Apprenticeship and University.

Those in receipt of Free School Meals will be able to collect a daily packed lunch from the school reception between 11am and 1pm. This will be until we have further information about the national voucher system.

If you are Key Worker please advise as soon as possible if you need your child/ren to be in school as per the government briefing. We await further clarification around Key Worker identification but take it to mean NHS staff; the Police and delivery drivers currently as we have started our contingency planning.

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If you have queries or need to get in touch please use the email support@stfrancis.cc; this will be manned by Senior Team and we will aim to respond to you within 24 hours too.

We would politely request that all medical advice is followed. If one of your household is a confirmed coronavirus case please inform us on support@stfrancis.cc.

We are dealing with trips that will not be running due to the current situation. Please bear with us as we sort the processes out for cancellations and refunds.

As of Monday 23rd March the SF1 and SF2 buses are not running.

We aim to update once a week on the website and only more frequently if there is a change in circumstances.

We keep all of those affected by this pandemic in our prayers. Thank you for your understanding and support in these difficult times.

Pauline Hanrahan

Headteacher