

19 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

School closure from 2.50 pm on Friday 20 March

As you will have heard, the government has announced that all schools are to close from the end of the school day on Friday, until further notice. This overrides all the information that we sent out yesterday (about the partial closure).

The exception to this is for children of key workers who are unable to make other arrangements (these include NHS workers, police, delivery drivers and other groups as defined by the government) and vulnerable students. We await the definitive list of key workers from Government and will add this list to our website once it is available. Schools are to remain open for these groups of students, to assist parents and society as a whole.

For students in Y11 and Y13, the government has said that all exams in May and June have been cancelled, including GCSEs and A-levels. Mr Williamson (the Education Secretary of State) said "We will work with the sector and [the exams watchdog] Ofqual to ensure children get the qualifications that they need."

For students who have worked hard for two or more years on courses, this will be very distressing. We are promised more details about how the progression routes will be secured. At this point in time we have no further information but once we have more clarity from the Government we will communicate this as soon as possible.

Students will be given a sheet of suggestions about how to continue to learn at home and the support that will be offered online by teachers (also attached to this letter).

If your child falls into one of the groups who can continue attending school, they should be sent on Monday morning at 8.30am, as normal, with pens, pencils etc. They must wear their school uniform. A learning programme will be put in place; however their school day will not look like their normal timetable. A lunch will be available. Students will leave school at 2.50 pm.

Children not in the groups above who receive free school meals do not need to attend school for the whole day to be able to access their meal. They can collect their lunch from school between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm.

It is very important for the health and welfare of all that children who intend to access the school at any point during the school day are well and follow Government guidelines around family isolation.

In order to be able to plan as efficiently as possible for this scenario please can you reply to the questions below via email to **COVID-19@allsaintslearning.co.uk**. **It is essential that we have all responses to this by 9.00 am on Friday 20 March 2020 in order for us to plan staffing.** If we have not received a response confirming your child's attendance we will assume they are remaining at home as per Government instructions.

	Yes	No	Number Of Children
Are you a key worker who intends to send their child into school?			
Will your child require a free school meal whether they are attending school or not?			

Please do not telephone the school at this very busy time. We will use all normal forms of communication to keep you updated. Over the coming weeks please regularly check the MyED App and our website for updates.

We are very grateful for the support of our whole school community during these challenging times. You will appreciate that we are working from rapidly evolving local and national plans and staff continue to work tirelessly to ensure we are able to serve our community to the best of our ability. I would like to thank families and our wonderful students for their resilience, understanding and words of support over the last week.

Despite the difficulties we are facing it is during such times that we learn more about our community and I am convinced that we will come through this adverse period even stronger as the All Saints' family.

May God bless you.

Yours sincerely



S P Pender
Headteacher

St Don Bosco, father and teacher of the young, help us to remain safe in our communities – in school, at home and the places we go. You challenged young people to help those who were suffering and taught them the wisdom of caution to avoid infection. May our friendships, family and school community be a source of strength and help for all those who are anxious in the weeks ahead. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Online Learning at All Saints – Student Information

Whilst the school is closed, we are moving to online learning so that you can continue with all of your subjects and keep up your school routine at home. The following information should help you to manage your work and ensure that you do not fall behind whilst you work from home.

Remember, if you are feeling unwell, concentrate on getting better before you tackle your school work.

Q: How should I manage my time?

Top tips:

- Follow your normal timetabled subjects for that day
- Check to see how much work needs to be done online or on a computer screen
- Make a plan for the day

Ideally, you should stick to the times of your normal lessons and homework time, as this will help you to keep a good routine. However, you will have a longer break (as you won't have registration!) and you may wish to move your subjects around so that you are not looking at a computer screen for too long.

It is important that you have your break and lunch. Try to drink plenty of water and, if you can, get outside for some fresh air. Depending on the government rules, this could be in your garden, going for a walk in your local area or a visit to a local park. Remember to follow the isolation rules if you are not feeling well.

Q: How will I access my school work?

All of your school work will be available either;

- On Show My Homework
- On the student site of the VLE
- Via email from your teacher (this is most likely to be for older students who need personalised feedback)

So, you will need your login details for Show My Homework (email Mr Chadburn if you are not able to access SMHWK – w.chadburn@allsaintslearning.co.uk). You should also familiarise yourself with the school VLE. Go to the Homepage www.allsaintslearning.co.uk and then click on the Student Site – you can then click on different subject areas to access resources.

Q: What do I do if I need help?

You can email any of your teachers for help. Their email addresses are all available in the search area of the email service. Open a new email, click on 'To' and type the surname of your teacher into the search box, their email address will then appear for you to select. All teachers have an email address that is: letter.surname@allsaintslearning.co.uk

We have asked all teachers to ensure that they send work for you to do and that they check their email accounts, so that they can answer your questions. However, if your teacher is ill, they may not be able to do this. If you do not receive work for your lesson, or if an email is not answered, you can contact the subject leader via the email list on the back of this sheet. Your House Progress Leader / Sixth Form Team emails are also listed. We hope that at least one of these teachers can help you!

Q: Are there other ways of learning or avoiding boredom whilst I am at home?

Yes! You could be creative and do your own projects. These could be about any topic related to your subject areas or perhaps a future career and could be in any form (written / art /

photographic etc) – we know you will be creative! You could also read – you may have a library book or you could read something online. For older students, you could access a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). There are MOOCs for just about everything you can think of and they are free online courses. Perhaps you could choose something related to your future studies or career. Futurelearn.com has lots of courses.

Get creative, keep learning and we will see you all when we open again. Take care of yourself and look after each other.

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Subject Leaders

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Drama	- n.richardson@allsaintslearning.co.uk
DT / Food	- p.greenwood@allsaintslearning.co.uk
English	- j.hallam@allsaintslearning.co.uk
Geography	- r.hindmarsh@allsaintslearning.co.uk
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