

20 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

INDEFINITE SCHOOL CLOSURE

As I am sure everyone is aware Bishop Milner Catholic College closes its doors to the vast majority of students today at 3.20 pm.

I would like to thank parents, carers, staff and students for their understanding and co-operation in what has been a difficult few days for our college community.

Our gates may be shut but we are a committed staff and will make every effort to provide your sons and daughters with remote/online learning provision. All students will have now received their packs either at college or in the post. If for some reason your son/daughter has not shown you the booklet please ask to see it, alternatively it is now available on our website electronically.

We have number of families who are entitled to Free School Meals, we will provide food for these students to their home addresses in the short term and will be working to identify an appropriate voucher scheme which will support our families.

As many of you will have seen in the press first thing this morning the updated list of key workers has been released they are as follows:

- Health and Social Care
- Education and Childcare
- Key Public Services
- Local and National Government
- Food and Other Necessary Goods
- Public Safety and National Security
- Transport
- Utilities, Communication and Financial Services

Detailed information can be found on the link below to see if parent / carers qualify. Please notify us by no later than 12.00 noon with evidence to keyworders@bmilner.dudley.sch.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

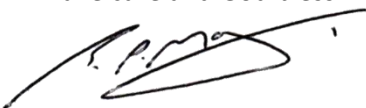
I would like to take this opportunity to give a special mention to students in Year 11 and 13, the last few days have been very strange but the way they have responded is a credit to you as parents. We will keep both students and parents up to date with any information we receive from Ofqual and the DfE. We also have plans to introduce pre-A Level transitional work to Year 11s in the coming weeks. More information to follow in a separate communication at a later date.

We will endeavour to provide some form of celebration to mark the end of Year 11 and 13 in the coming months, however as I'm sure you can appreciate we are restricted at this time due to the circumstances that this country faces.

For the vast majority of parents, the supervision and care of your children becomes increasingly pressured at home whilst we are all required to adhere to the Governments social distancing measures. Can I appeal to all families that they do their very best so our children can return to normality as soon as possible.

As a Catholic community it goes without saying we will keep everyone in our prayers and we look forward to re-opening Bishop Milner Catholic College as soon as possible.

Take care and God bless.



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