



The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

An 11 – 18 Voluntary Academy in the Diocese of Hallam

Headteacher: John Rooney

Chair of Governors: Dr Pat Hurley

Coronavirus update and school plan

17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are probably aware, the Government's guidance on the coronavirus is being updated on a daily basis. As a result of the most recent announcement, we have 20 staff absent. We **do not** have any confirmed cases.

What is the current situation?

From tomorrow, the school remains open for Y11 and Y13 ONLY. – The current official guidance is for schools to remain open where they are able to do so safely.

Latest advice is that exams are still scheduled to run on the same dates. The period up until 24 June 2020 is calendared nationally as an exam contingency period. No holidays should take place until after this date.

- We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation. **The only OFFICIAL updates will come via school.**

What are we doing to protect and support students?

- We have been planning the best ways to provide **remote learning** in the event of a closure
- ALL WORK CAN BE ACCESSED VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER EXTENDED LEARNING
- <https://www.mcauley.org.uk/index.php/extended-learning>
- Some staff will be able to give extra guidance to Y11 and Y13 when they are in school. Lunch will be available as normal.
- We have purchased free extra Revision Guides for Y11, which will be distributed tomorrow
- For other year groups we suggest that completed work is kept in a card wallet so that it can be brought back in when we re-open
- Some suggestion about how work can be organised is also under Extended Learning

What do you need to do?

- **If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible via email/telephone. Contact details on school website.**
- Let us know if your child will have difficulties accessing on-line materials
- Encourage all Y11 and Y13 students to attend
- **ALL school buses will continue to run** during partial closure.

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

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What happens if the school has to close completely?

We will only close completely if we are either officially advised to do so or we do not have enough staff to fully open. In either case:

- We will alert parents to closure, by text and a post on our website
- We will let parents know when the school will be reopened as soon as we are allowed to

It is a tricky time and I share your concern about the impact this might have on your son/daughter. There are no easy decisions regarding this.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Rooney', with a horizontal line underneath it.

John Rooney
Headteacher