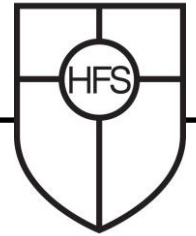


The Holy Family Catholic School



Our Ref: MHI/DK

18 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: COVID-19 partial School Closure

Due to a number of staff members following the most recent Government advice, we are now not able to staff the full school timetable. This is due to the new measures requiring staff to self-isolate for 14 days if there are any Covid-19 symptoms in their household and the guidance regarding vulnerable groups.

We have therefore been left with no choice but to close the school for Years 9 and 10 tomorrow Thursday, 19 March and Friday, 20 March. Other year groups will be taught as normal as far as possible although some cover staff may be used.

All Year 12 and 13 lessons will be taught as normal if the class teacher is in school. Those lessons will not, however, be covered if their teacher is absent.

We have taken this decision with the following priorities in mind:

1. We are seeking to continue the teaching of examination groups in Years 11, 12 and 13 as far as possible.
2. We are aiming to support families with possible childcare pressures by keeping the youngest students in school.

You will be aware that schools are being asked by the Government to remain open as far as possible. We are deploying our remaining staff to best effect prioritising students with imminent examinations.

Students have been given hard copies of work which they can complete whilst at home. Work for timetabled lessons will also be set by teachers using Classcharts. Students have been given instructions on how to access this.

We will be in contact again on Friday to provide an update on the situation and plans for the beginning of next week.

Finally, can we please remind you that as per the latest Public Health England guidance, students should remain at home if they are unwell or if anyone in their household is unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature. We would also urge parents/carers of students with underlying health conditions to check the latest Public Health England guidance relating to social contact and non-essential travel.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher