



St Aidan's Catholic Academy

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Dear parent/carer,

School closure arrangements – 3.30pm Friday March 20th 2020

During this rapidly changing health crisis your patience and support has been greatly appreciated by staff. We have worked hard to maintain normal classes at both St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's to ensure continuity of education.

Following government advice, it is no longer possible to keep our academies fully open as of 3.30pm on Friday 20th March 2020. We start an indefinite closure for all students except those of key workers as per the letter previously issued.

This current health crisis is an unusual set of circumstances but we do have plans in place to ensure that the impact upon student learning is minimised.

This plan can only be successful if parents/carers and students realise students are expected to attempt and complete all work set during the closure period.

Education arrangements for St. Aidan's students:

Students can access work via the school website and Microsoft TEAMS. Staff will be in regular contact with students via email and TEAMS.

Please use the following link to access student work which has been carefully prepared by class teachers and it suitable for home working:

<https://www.staidanscatholicacademy.co.uk/useful-info/school-closure-work-for-students/>

Please note that further information relevant to each year group can be found by clicking on the relevant Year Group tab at the top of this webpage.

We expect students to read for pleasure and to enhance their 'cultural capital' during this period. Relevant texts from "theday" are available for each year group at the foot of the Year Group page.

Education arrangements for St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Catholic Sixth Form students:

Some post-16 subjects (Years 12 and 13) may have communicated work directly to students via email. The vast majority are using our Frog Virtual Learning Platform (see above).

How will this work?

We ask students to follow their daily timetables at home to complete the activities provided (see above) in exercise books and files.

We will add further materials at the end of each week.





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What to do if you do not have internet access?

If you do not have access to the internet we would ask that you telephone reception, at either school and leave your son/daughter's name and year group. Materials will be posted out to you. Please only use this service if you do not have access to the internet. We will have a skeleton staff on site at both schools. It is important that only those who genuinely need the service access it.

Students undertaking public examinations 2020.

GCSE and A level examinations May/ June 2020 have been cancelled by the government. We currently do not have guidance regarding replacement assessments and/or how grades will be awarded. We will share this in due course. However, we must assume that there could be some form of assessment that would replace them at a later date and students must keep working until the position is clear.

Students joining sixth form or university September 2020.

Students joining sixth form or university autumn 2020 will need to keep learning patterns in place and knowledge fresh in preparation for the start of new courses later in the year. Year 11 and 13 must undertake work beyond work set on FROG both during the closure and during the Easter holidays in preparation for future education pathways.

Information.

Please monitor our website and twitter feeds for up to date news and information. If you have not yet signed up for Twitter please do so and encourage young people, who are old enough, to do the same as we will be sharing both information and education via Twitter and our websites.

Websites.

www.st-anthonys-academy.com

www.staidanscatholicacademy.co.uk

www.aaasixthform.com

Twitter.

St. Anthony's Twitter: @St_Anthonys3

St. Aidan's Twitter: @St_Aidans_RC

St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Catholic Sixth Form Twitter: @AAASixthForm

St. Anthony's Teaching School Twitter: @BeaconSch

Our Catholic Education Trust Twitter @ourladyofmercy-cet





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Queries.

If you have any queries please contact either school via the usual school email. We will be issuing further information for specific groups e.g. families of key workers, young people in receipt of free school meals and young people without internet connectivity as soon as these arrangements are finalised.

Yours sincerely,

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