



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you, your family and your friends are keeping well. Thank you for your on-going support during this difficult time. We do understand the complex issues faced by everyone with regard to the current home-schooling arrangements.

We are writing following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening. This gave very brief summary information indicating how the lifting of any lockdown restrictions might affect schools.

We have been planning various possible scenarios in our schools, in our existing trust (Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust) and in our new trust (Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust) since the start of the current outbreak.

However, until we receive further and more definitive information from the government regarding how re-opening will be managed the position remains the same i.e. we are open to the children of key workers and all other young people are being educated via the remote learning arrangements put in place at both schools.

We fully understand your need to plan ahead. We too, very much hope to have much more information from the government in the coming days and weeks. If this information is forthcoming this week, then we will finalise our plans and share them in outline with everyone before May half-term.

Thank you for your patience. Without further information from the government we are unable to finalise plans.

Yours sincerely,

M. Shepherd.

Mrs. M. Shepherd
CEO/Headteacher St. Anthony's

Yours sincerely,

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Mr G. Sanderson
Headteacher St. Aidan's