



St Catherine's Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will no doubt be aware that yesterday evening the Prime Minister announced that all schools will close until further notice from the end of this week for the majority of pupils. He also indicated that all the GCSE, examinations due to take place this Summer, have been suspended and that students will be credited for their learning and that their access to Post 16 pathways "will not be impeded". Schools were not made aware of these decisions before they were announced and we await information regarding this.

The Prime Minister also announced that from Monday, where possible, schools will be open in a limited capacity and offer provision for the children of key workers essential to the running of the country at this time and for those children identified as 'vulnerable'. We are expecting a definition of 'key worker' today and will be back in touch with parents outlining how we intend to go forward with this provision to a limited number of pupils from Monday. We will be working with the Local Authority and other schools today to find creative solutions to this.

The senior staff at the school are working to put our plans in place and to clarify what these announcements mean for all our school, for our pupils and for you. Consequently, we will be providing more details for you on Friday. We would ask you not to contact the school regarding this issue so that we have time to consider these plans.

As always, we will continue to do all we can to support our pupils and staff at this very difficult time and I want to thank you again for your unwavering support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

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