

St Matthew Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Coronavirus – COVID-19.

Further to recent updates from the government St Matthew Academy are continuing to vigilantly monitor the situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic and are receiving daily updates from the Department of Education. We will of course inform you of any important updates.

The Governments advice at the moment is that, whilst in the 'containment phase' schools should remain open unless told otherwise. However, as the Prime Minister will chair an emergency COBRA meeting today where it is expected that we may move into the 'delay phase', this could mean that schools will be asked to close.

Please be assured that we have contingency plans in place in case this should this happen. We are asking staff to ensure that there are online resources available for pupils through Hegarty Maths, Seneca, This is Language etc. and we are also planning work packs for some pupils too. The plan would be that during the time that your child would normally have a lesson that their teacher would be contactable via email.

We will ensure all pupils are given details of where resources can be found and which learning platforms staff plan on using. All this information will be added to our website and will be updated frequently throughout any closure.

Year 11 pupils taking GCSE examinations during May and June will take priority as it is important they are well prepared for their exams. Pupils should now have completed/be nearing completion of their preparation so should be in a period of consolidation and revision. However please be assured that work will be set by all subjects for all year groups.

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline for staff, parents and young people to answer questions regarding COVID-19 related to education. This helpline can be contacted as follows:

Telephone: 0800 046 8687
Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
Opening hours: 8:00am-6:00pm, Monday-Friday.

We will keep you informed of any updates as and when we have them.

Yours faithfully

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