



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 23rd March 2020

Thank you for your patience

Thank you to all parents for your patience as arrangements are put in place to try and manage an unprecedented national emergency.

Closure To All Pupils: Information

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that we have been instructed to close the school to all children after this Friday (20 March 2020, 3.15pm) until further notice.

The Local Authority will provide identified 'Educational Settings' which will remain open from Monday 23 March 2020 to help serve the needs of childcare for Key Workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, other frontline services) and those in vulnerable groups. **This is just for Early Years and Primary school children only.**

All St. Julie's students will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure due to the global pandemic, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is via ParentPay, letter and the school website www.stjulies.org.uk.

Year 11 and 13 students

All Year 11 and 13 students with outstanding coursework/non-examination assessments will have their timetable collapsed on Friday 20 March so that they can complete their assessments. Very limited information has been provided by the exam boards at this stage, however, we want to make sure that any assessments outstanding can be completed to the highest standard, pending further guidance from JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications).

The Year 11 BTEC Digital and Information Technology qualification can be completed at home and

submitted to your daughter's subject teacher via email nturner@stjulies.org.uk or bgore@stjulies.org.uk. The deadline for this will be Monday 20 April.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. Please find attached a list of online resources which your daughter can access from home. An electronic version is also available on the school website. Your daughter also has full access to the VLE and she will be able to access all resources for each of her subjects and qualifications. Alongside this, your daughter can send messages to individual staff via the VLE if she needs help with any questions, resources and/or materials.

During this time, please encourage your daughter to get into a daily routine of learning at home. She should be completing school work for at least five to six hours per day.

The range of resources available will ensure your daughter can continue to learn and support her education in preparation for when she fully returns to school. Please also use the hyperlinks in the e-bulletins and school website to contact school directly. All direct email addresses for Curriculum Leaders, Progress Leaders and the Leadership Team can be accessed via the school website.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

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Safeguarding

Please refer to the separate Safeguarding letter which outlines the support systems for students and parent/carers to continue to access.

What we won't be able to go ahead with:

- School trips
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the feedback form on the school

website www.stjulies.org.uk.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Alderman
Headteacher

Government Announcement on Exam Grades

The Department for Education have [issued a press release](#) with some details about proposals for exam grade awards in the Summer 2020 season.

Safeguarding Arrangements During Closure

Re: Information for safeguarding children and families during

enforced partial or full school closure

I am writing to you to advise you of the arrangements being put in place to enable us as a school, to continue to exercise effective safeguarding of all of our pupils during the forthcoming school closures.

In the first instance, please take some time to read through the key information below and to then discuss this with your child.

Contacting the Safeguarding Team

- If children who are not attending school during the closure, or their families, have any safeguarding concerns about themselves or others and feel that they need to contact school, the best way to do this is via the safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk email address
- This address will be monitored by all members of the school Senior Leadership Team and they will respond to all emails received
- If you feel that you need to speak to a member of the Team, then please include a **contact phone number** so that you can be called back
- If you feel that there is another member of staff to whom you wish to speak, please include this in your email but be aware that it may not be possible to arrange this
- In order to ensure that we are speaking to the correct person, we may make some identity checks – for example, you may be asked to tell us date of birth; full name of parent/carer; home address; primary school attended etc for you or the young person about whom you are contacting us
- **We fully anticipate that all of our families and pupils would use this line of communication in an appropriate manner.**

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However, anyone found using this email address for the sending of 'hoax' messages or impersonating other people may (in the case of pupils) be subject to any of the sanctions open to us as a school, up to and including exclusion from school or (in the case of adults) reported to the relevant authorities for investigation under the **Malicious Communications Act.**

Useful links:

In addition to or instead of contacting the Safeguarding Team directly, you may find some of the following links useful:

For general advice/guidance:

- [Childline](#)
- [Papyrus](#)
- [Samaritans](#)
- [CEOP](#)
- [Safeguarding Resource Hub](#)

To seek help from or make a referral to other agencies, including Children's Social Care:

- [Liverpool Early Help Directory](#)
- [Liverpool Children's Services](#)
- [Knowsley Children's Services](#)

Resources to promote emotional well-being:

- [Childline Calmzone](#)
- [Go Noodle](#)
- [Headspace](#)

Information relating to Coronavirus
It can sometimes be difficult to distinguish between factual information and information that is simply wrong or deliberately misleading. Whilst it is important to stay up to date with any news relating to the coronavirus, exposure to inaccurate information can cause unnecessary upset and anxiety so please consider carefully the sources that you use
The following websites are all considered child-friendly and reliable sources of information, advice and guidance:

- [Newsround](#)

- [Child Mind Institute](#)
- [Mindheart](#)
- [eBug](#)
- [St Julie's school website](#)

Maintaining contact:

Even if you don't contact the Safeguarding Team during a school closure, a member of staff might contact you either by phone or (depending on any updates to government advice regarding travel social contact etc) by visiting your home.

This is nothing to worry about and could be for one of the following reasons:

- To establish reason for absence where none has been provided (for children who the government has advised should continue to attend school)
- Because you are already working with the Safeguarding Team and/or other agencies and we want to ensure that you continue to access the right help and support
- As part of a random sample of students to help us to gather feedback on the wider situation relating to school closures

Our regular check-ins with families to offer help and support will continue throughout the period of school closure, just as if the school was open. Please do not feel offended if a member of school staff calls or visits to check in with you, and to speak to your child.

Learning and teaching:

The main method of continue to deliver teaching and support learning for students who are not attending will be the via the school [Virtual Learning Environment](#) and other e-learning resources to which students have been directed, such as [GCSE Pod](#) and [Educake](#).

You will receive more information about this separately.

Free School Meals

A national strategy is being developed to help support families where there are young people eligible for free school meals and

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more information will be sent out about this in due course.

As a school we are also investigating other methods of support such as referrals to local foodbanks.

Thank you for your understanding in working with us at this time.

Mr C Willis

Designated Safeguarding Lead and Acting Deputy Headteacher

Kooth.com - Online Support for Young People

We would like to remind you of the availability of the [Kooth.com](#) online service to support the wellbeing and resilience of our students.

Kooth is a web based confidential support service available to young people. Kooth provides a safe and secure means of accessing mental health and wellbeing support designed specifically for young people.

Kooth offers young people the opportunity to have a text-based conversation with a qualified counsellor. Counsellors are available from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10 pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop-in basis. Young people can access regular booked online counselling sessions as needed. Outside counselling hours' young people can message our team and get support by the next day. When students register with **Kooth** they will have support available to them now and in the future. Support can be gained not only through counselling but articles, forums and discussion

boards. All content is age appropriate, clinically approved and fully moderated.

To find out more visit [www.Kooth.com](#) where young people can register and others can find out more about the service.

You can also view a short video about the service at: <https://vimeo.com/318731977/a9f32c87de>.

Wellbeing Pack for Students Liverpool CAMHS have prepared a pack for students, parents and carers aimed at helping to maintain wellbeing. You can [find a copy here](#).

Working from Home

All students have access to the school VLE which is linked from the school website:

<http://vle.stjulies.org.uk/moodle>

When logging in to the VLE, students should use their normal username (e.g. 18smithj) and password, just like logging in to a computer in school. For accessing student email, students should log in with a longer username that includes

@studentmail.stjulies.org.uk (e.g. 18smithj@studentmail.stjulies.org.uk) and again using their normal password. For students who have forgotten their password, or in the event of other technical difficulties, please email passwords@stjulies.org.uk.

If you are struggling to access the VLE some interim materials can be found at <http://www.stjulies.org.uk/isolation>

A further list of online resources compiled by our staff can be [found here](#).