

# ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God



17 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

## **Re - Coronavirus – School Closure**

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced new measures to deal with COVID-19. The advice has been widened and those who have coronavirus like symptoms – a new or continuous cough or high temperature, however mild – should stay at home for at least **14 days** to protect others and help slow the spread of the disease.

This new advice, which St. Anne's staff are also expected to follow, has meant that we are no longer able to staff the school safely and have had to take the following decision:

- The school will be closed to Years 7, 8 and 9 from tomorrow, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- The school will be closed to Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020. These students should attend tomorrow in order for us to organise their learning during the enforced closure.

Staff have been working hard to prepare for such an eventuality. You will be receiving a letter and details of how your child can continue to engage with their learning from the following members of staff:

Ms Vevers – Sixth Form  
Mr Delaney – Year 10 and 11  
Mr Maguire – Year 7, 8 and 9

We appreciate this decision will cause concern to parents, their families and our students. Please be assured that we are in contact with the Local Authority, The Department of Education and the Exam Boards so that Year 11 and 13 are not adversely affected by this decision.

We are also making arrangements to provide support to students who access free school meals. We will contact those concerned with further details about this.

At present, the plan is to **re-open on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**. However; in light of how fluid the situation is please be aware this may be subject to change.

We are experiencing something unique.

*"Life is a journey, when we stop, things don't go right". Pope Francis*

We aren't going to stop, however, we are going to approach things differently. We are going to make use of technology to support continued learning, we are going to communicate and lobby to ensure our Year 11 and 13 students' learning journey continues, and we are going to support each member of our learning family so that we minimise the impact of COVID-19.

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We will keep you informed of any changes and be in contact at a Key Stage level to keep you updated.

Many thanks for your understanding and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Loveland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Mrs E Loveland  
Headteacher