



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust

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Dear parent/carers,

Arrangements for the children of Key Workers - update.

Last week the government published a list of key workers. An e-mail link to this list can be found at the end of this letter.

This letter is an update and includes the arrangements for the two weeks beginning Monday 6th April 2020 i.e. the Easter holidays.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust has been offering key worker support to the students from St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's who have parents/carers who are key workers and who have no alternative childcare.

The reason for school closures is to allow social distancing. **Therefore, it is imperative that if there is an appropriate adult in the family students are expected to remain at home.** If any person in the family home displays symptoms of a new continuous cough or a high temperature the whole family are expected to self-isolate for 14 days. It is also important to consider any member of the family with underlying health conditions.

Supervised study in school for the children of key workers who have no alternative will start at 8.30 am and finish at 3.30 pm.

Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 10th April 2020 key worker provision will be based at **St. Aidan's School.**

Monday 13th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020, it will be based at **St. Anthony's School.**

Provision will be jointly operated by staff from St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's. Your son/daughter is expected to wear full school uniform. Breakfast will be available from 8.30 am to 9.00 am and a lunch will also be provided.

Students should bring PE kit every day. We plan to build a period of physical exercise into the day. Students will be supervised in classrooms and will complete the tasks set for all students. This has already been communicated to you by each school.

We understand that your situation may differ from day to day. If you need your son/daughter to attend then please inform by 4.00 pm the day before. You need to do this each day you need to send your son/daughter.

Contacts:

St. Aidan's Mrs Hogg gemma.hogg@staca.co.uk
St. Anthony's: Mrs Collins Keyworker@st-anthonys-academy.com

Non-attendance, when students are expected to attend, will result in a call home to check welfare. For safeguarding purposes, it is important that we know exactly which students we are expecting on site each day.

Students are expected to enter the building through the main school reception entrance and give their name to the relevant member of staff from their school before making their way to the dining hall for breakfast.

If you have questions do not hesitate to contact the relevant staff at each school via the contacts noted above.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher St. Aidan's

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>