



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Arrangements for the children of Key Workers

The government has published a list of key workers. An email link can be found to this list at the bottom of this document.

**This letter is an update and includes the arrangements for the week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust has been offering key worker support to the students of St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's with parents/carers who are key workers and 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. The less contact they have with the outside world the better.

Supervised study for the children of key worker children will start at 8.30 am and finish at 3.30 pm.

**N.B. WE ARE NOT OPEN BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. This is due to there being no requests from keyworkers for this date. We will re-open on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for children of key workers.**

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 not be taught form lessons. We do not have the staff to do this. They will be supervised in classrooms and will complete the tasks set for all students by relevant school which has already been communicated to you by each school.

We understand that your situation may differ from day to day. If you are in a position where you need your son/daughter to attend, please inform us the day before by 4.00 pm if your son/daughter will need to attend. You will need to do this every day you need to send your son/daughter.

Contacts:

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

Non-attendance on days when students are expected to attend will result in a call home to check their welfare. For safeguarding purposes, it is important that we know 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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Mrs M. Shepherd  
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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>