



MARICOURT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Re: School Closure and Home Learning Support (Years 7 to 13)

As you are aware, our school will be closed to most students and staff from Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice in-line with the direction from the UK Government and Public Health England. The aim of this action is to delay the spreading of Co-Vid 19 (Coronavirus) amongst the general public.

In-line with Government announcements, Maricourt Catholic High School will remain open from Monday 23rd March for vulnerable students in our school. This includes those students with an Education Health Care Plan, those with a dedicated Social worker, and those children of 'Key Workers'. School will provide a safe place for them to complete the work set by staff. If you have identified that you will be sending your child in on Monday you should receive a phone call from us today with further information. As a school, we recognise the role we play in ensuring that those parents who are employed within the NHS and other key public sectors are appreciated and supported at this difficult time.

In order to safeguard your child's education during this period, the students have all been prepared with information about how to work effectively at home. Details of how to access electronic folders and other resources is available on the home page of the school website in the section titled '*Working from home*'.

Teaching staff will be able to provide and set work via Show My Homework. All students have access to their Show My Homework account and they should check it every day and follow the instructions they are given. Tasks may include online tutorials, videos, questions and other activities. Students should use their time effectively to complete all the work they have been set and to revisit topics they have previously been taught in order to consolidate their learning.

We encourage you to ensure that your child spends a period of time each day during the closure completing the educational tasks that they have been assigned. They should follow their normal school timetable each day. They can also log on to Century where they have English, maths and science tasks and tutorials to further support their home learning. If your child cannot get logged onto any of the software applications please let us know by emailing ithelpline@maricourt.net. We will aim to respond to your query within 24 hours on a working day.



We are conscious that students may be feeling anxious and isolated from friends at this time so I would also draw your attention to the section on the website called Student Well Being which has suggestions of activities to complete each day.

As you are aware, the government's announcement also included their decision to cancel GCSE and A Level examinations that students were due to take this summer. I am very aware of the significance of this announcement and we intend to ensure that our students in Years 11 and 13 receive the grades they deserve.

When further information is communicated to schools we will share this with you. Please monitor our website as it will be updated regularly with advice and information.

I thank you very much for your continued support and wish you well over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mangan