

4 January 2020

School Closure – January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Further to this evening's announcement from the Prime Minister, I regret to inform you that all schools in the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, including St Mary's school, will be closed with immediate effect to all pupils other than those the school recognises as vulnerable, and the children of critical workers. This comes into effect from tomorrow (Tuesday 5 January). The full list of those occupations considered by the government to be "critical" can be found at:


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

As was the case from March of last year, we will now focus our efforts on providing high quality remote education including live lessons and a range of other resources and assessments. Schools will be in touch with more details of the programme of remote learning after we have coordinated our plans tomorrow. In addition, members of staff will be in contact with your child and/or you during the period of this lockdown.

Should you require any further information or have any questions, please contact your child's school. With the vaccine now rolling out across the country, we hope that this period of school closure will be much shorter than the last one.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,



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