



ST. MATTHEW'S
Roman Catholic High School

We Pray, We Care, We Achieve

Monday 16 March

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to thank you for your support and understanding at this time. Working together we can ensure that we manage this situation with the best interests of our children at the heart of all we do.

As a result of government guidance on self-isolation in the case of Covid-19 symptoms, a number of staff and students have been identified as in isolation for 7 days. Despite planning for staff absence, the number of staff missing for the remainder of this week means that we do not have enough colleagues to maintain a full timetable safely.

I have therefore taken the decision to keep the school open for Years 8-11 only from Tuesday 17th March – Friday 20th March. **I would ask you to keep Year 7 students at home for the remainder of the week.** We will share work with you that your children can do at home in order to minimise the disruption to their learning.

As a school we are working hard to keep our children calm. Health advice states that they are likely to face relatively mild symptoms of the virus. Handwashing and minimising contact with vulnerable groups is our key message to them.

I expect there to be a number of challenges in the weeks ahead. My colleagues and I remain committed to ensuring that your child is safe and that we strive to maintain as much normality as we can.

I will keep in touch via text, the school website and social media.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Mrs H Murden
Headteacher