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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus update and Academy response

As an academy, we are ever mindful of the implications of the Coronavirus and the potential impact on schools and families and are working within guidance provided by the Department of Education, which is updated daily. In response to the threat of Coronavirus, we are strengthening our approach to reduce the risk of any spread of infection.

In order to provide some additional protection to our most vulnerable children and adults in our school community, the following immediate actions are being taken:

- All parents are reminded that children must not come to school if they have symptoms of Covid-19 (a cough and/or a fever) and anyone with the symptoms must self-isolate according to the guidance.
- Parents are asked to be mindful when making decisions regarding attendance especially if their son/daughter has a pre-existing medical condition that puts their child at more risk than others. All schools will support a parents' decision on attendance, however it is vital schools are informed of the reasons.
- We are continuing to emphasise hand washing and the use of hand gel in school and appreciate the support from parents on this matter.
- All Parents' Evenings and school events, including sporting events are to be cancelled from Tuesday 17 March 2020 until further notice.
- Parents' are politely requested to not attend Masses or assemblies in the primary schools for the foreseeable future.
- All international visits are cancelled and local trips will be risk assessed on an individual basis but non-essential trips will be cancelled.

Currently, we have not been directed by the government to close, however we anticipate this may happen at some point in the future. We therefore have contingency plans in place should our schools be forced to close:

- We ask parents to ensure we have up to date contact details, including email addresses.
- Parents of Bishop Milner Catholic College, especially those in Year 11 and Year 13 are asked to notify the college as soon as possible if their child/children does/do not have access to the internet via an iPad, laptop, Tablet or suitably size mobile phone as the school will provide work for the duration of the closure mainly online.

- Parents of primary school children will be provided with work packs and if pupils have the technology at home Mr Hinton and Mrs Chapman will be sharing recommended internet site that pupils can use at home.
- Work will be produced within 3 days of closure and staff where appropriate will advise on additional learning material that is available. More information will be provided as necessary.
- Pupils should study in an appropriate place where they can be appropriately supervised.
- GCSE and A Level students will have online resources and have already been collating/purchasing hard copies of revision material to access if they are working independently at home.
- Schools can still be contacted through their normal enquiry/info @ email addresses.

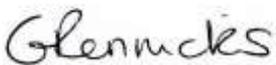
Please be aware that it is likely that some staff working in schools will develop symptoms at some point and may need to self-isolate. This is putting increased pressure on our school's capacity to cover and may lead to some short-term disruption to teaching continuity.

All schools are following the recommended guidance linked to cleaning and products used, our schools have sufficient stocks of all products to ensure that the current cleaning levels can be maintained and should the need arise increased cleaning regimes. We are monitoring the levels of staff and student attendance closely and will work with Public Health England to ensure your children are safe and we will be advised accordingly if a 'deep clean' should be required in any of our schools which would lead to partial or full closure.

We all know that people in our community, who are vulnerable, will be feeling anxious at the moment. Please continue to look out for them and pray for them in the coming weeks.

On behalf of the St John Bosco Catholic Multi Academy, I thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation at this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs G Rennicks
Chair of Directors