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Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to act upon and respond to government advice. With this in mind, St. Michael's Catholic Academy will be closed from Monday 23 March for general provision of Education.

We will remain open for vulnerable students and children of key workers. Key workers have been described as those that work in the NHS, Emergency Services and delivery drivers. This is **an offer** for the children of key workers and remains a parental choice.

We will also aim to continue the learning for all children remotely through TEAMS. Advice on TEAMS can be found on our website. Your support in encouraging students to continue to engage with their regular timetabled sessions via this online platform would be hugely appreciated. This is particularly important for the year 11 students for whom the teacher assessment may be of vital importance this year. Should there be issues with accessing the work please contact your child's Pastoral Learning Manager.

We will keep parents informed around any changes as soon as we know more. As information is published we will communicate by text and MyEd as well as the school website to keep parents updated.

In these very challenging circumstances I am grateful for your forbearance as we work together to keep our children safe and support each other through a very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Keough Acting Head of School

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