



20th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Following the government advice about school closures I am informing you that Christ the King Catholic High School will be closed from 3pm on Friday 20th March until further notice. I wish to draw your attention to the following information:

School Work

Work will be set using Firefly, our Virtual Learning Environment. Students will be set specific tasks and given clear instructions about what to do once the work is completed.

Additionally Firefly hosts a large amount of information and revision specific to the work your child has covered this year. This can be used to revisit topics which will help to reinforce learning.

Students without access to the internet have been provided with packs of work which should be completed and returned once school re-opens.

I would also encourage all parents and carers to encourage reading for pleasure for at least 30 minutes each day. Please also ensure that your child is spending an appropriate amount of time on their school work each day.

Year 11

Given the announcements with regards to examinations Year 11 students are advised to be preparing for the next stage in their careers. Researching appropriate apprenticeship opportunities and preparing for college courses is advised. We are liaising with colleges and will provide further information in due course.

Mrs Creeley, our Careers Guidance lead professional, is available for advice on all matters related to progressing to college or apprenticeships. Please contact her on jcreeley@ctk.lancs.sch.uk.

Safeguarding

Should any students have any concerns about their safety or that of others they can make a report to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Service which can be done via Firefly (Quick Links – CEOP Report – Make a Report). Alternatively students can share their concerns through reception@ctk.lancs.sch.uk. In the case of an emergency students should of course make a 999 call directly to the Police.

Free School Meals

The government has advised that the parents /carers of any students in receipt of free school meals are eligible to receive a food pack. This can be collected from school on Monday 23rd March between 1pm and 2pm. The pack will include 5 days worth of nutritious breakfasts and lunches. Please do everything you can to take advantage of this opportunity.

I understand that this is a very difficult time for everyone. I would urge you to do everything that you can to stay safe and healthy. Further advice is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>.

Please continue to visit the school website <https://ctk.lancs.sch.uk/> where any updates will be available. In the meantime please be assured that your families are in my prayers at this time of uncertainty.



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