



The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

An 11 – 18 Voluntary Academy in the Diocese of Hallam

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Dear Parent/Carer

School Partial Closure Information 26th March

We are open to supervise the children of key workers and those ‘vulnerable’ students. The latter group will be contacted separately.

Key workers list:

Health and social care Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and other staff in the health and social care sector. In addition, it includes those working in supply chains including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment.	Education and childcare Nursery, teaching staff and social workers
Key public services Those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalists providing public service broadcasting.	Local and National Government Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.
Food and other necessary goods Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.	Public safety and national security Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.
Transport Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.	Utilities, communication and financial services Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.

What do I need to do if I am on the Key Worker list and want to use this service?

Parents who are in the categories detailed above, who do not have other childcare options and need their child/children to come into school, MUST contact the school with the following information. We will then be able to plan supervision and put proper safeguards in place should we be need to contact you urgently. Please complete the required information and copy/paste onto an email sending to lsmith@mcauley.org.uk

■ Name of Child	■ Year Group
■ Emergency Contact Name	■ Emergency contact number
■ Key Worker Category	■ Employer name and number

Under these extraordinary conditions The Secretary for State stated that school would ‘not be an educational setting’ but a ‘safe place’ for critical workers to leave their children. As the school has already put much work and a multitude of resources into its distance-learning plan and in the interests of consistency, these children would be completing the same work as students who remain at home.

- Provision is for McAuley students only. This is for safeguarding reasons.
- School will be open from 9.00 until 2.30pm. Students should attend for the whole day unless you let us know otherwise. We assume that this list is for the foreseeable future unless you notify us otherwise.
- Students will sign in at Cantley Lane site only. An attendance list will be generated.
- Supervision will take place in the Cantley Hall where guidance on social distancing will be observed.
- Students need not attend in school uniform but must be fully equipped. In the interest of hygiene, we will not be lending any equipment although we will provide lined paper.
- We will provide a laptop along with wipes/gels on each desk.
- We will not be able to provide school meals but will be working with our catering provider to look at provision for those in receipt of Free School Meals.
- Students who become ill during the day, particularly if they exhibit well-publicised symptoms of COVID-19, must be collected without delay.
- If you have informed us that your child will be attending and then cannot, you **MUST** inform the school via the attendance officer at lsmith@mcauley.org.uk
- In the event of a zero response then school will remain open until 10.30am unless someone has 'booked' for a later start.

How will my child get to and from school?

Buses are operating what is essentially a Saturday service with a few enhancements in the early mornings. Please keep a watch on their website for further announcements.

What is the current situation?

- We still **do not** have any confirmed cases.
- We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation. **The only OFFICIAL updates regarding McAuley will only come via school.**

What are we doing to protect and support students?

- REMOTE LEARNING is the go to place. Please check for updates.

I have a query; who shall I contact and how?

- **Academic queries relating to remote learning.** The query is always best coming from the student because class teachers routinely teach around 250 students and will not be able to respond to parental queries. Please be aware that the priority is Year 11 and Year 13. In the Interests of their well-being, I will not be requiring that they spend 6 hours a day staring at a screen. They will be undertaking other directed tasks too.
- **Pastoral queries relating to attendance.** Please follow the link on the school website for the Behaviour and Attendance/Achievement Lead.
- **Well-being concerns.** General support, advice and guidance is available on the school website under both the student and parent areas in suggesting ways of coping with the added strains that this situation is causing. Students who have been accessing support in school will continue to do so and have been contacted already.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do keep safe and well in this extremely unusual and challenging time.

God Bless.

Yours sincerely



John Rooney
Headteacher