

Monday 23 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to terms with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic I want to reassure all of our students, parents and everyone connected to St John Bosco College that our school community remains very much 'open for business' even though the school building is closed to most students as part of the government's measures to limit the spread of the virus.

Staff at the school will continue to provide the best possible education for all of our students. The majority of this effort will be focused on distance learning, using platforms such as Microsoft Teams to provide resources, guidance and advice to students in every year group, to ensure that they stay connected to the school and focused on their learning. There is now a comprehensive guide to helping your child study at home posted on our school website. If you have any technical questions please contact the IT helpdesk via email [IT\\_helpdesk@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:IT_helpdesk@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk).

We will continue to provide proactive support to our most vulnerable students and to maintain a strong link with all members of our community despite the closure of the building. We are communicating directly with families of vulnerable children and those who work in key services to determine how best to support them. We will only be offering a limited on-site provision for a small number of children from Wednesday 25 March 2020. Government advice is that children should only come into school where there is no other alternative.

We are still waiting for clarity from the government on the best method to ensure that children who are entitled to a free school meal are provided with one. For the time being we will provide packed lunches to eligible children whose parents order daily before 10.00 am. Please telephone 020 7924 8310 to place an order. The packed lunches will be available for collection from the school main reception at lunchtime the same day.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will keep in touch with students and parents to find ways to keep connected to one another. If you have any questions for staff please email us at [schoolclosure@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk) and we will aim to respond as soon as possible.

Please be assured of the love and prayers of our school community at what is a testing time for everyone. We will stay united and keep going throughout this crisis and emerge stronger once it is over.

Best wishes



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