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Dear Parent/Carer

As we begin a new week it is important that I continue to share with you key information. In school today, we have had a small number of staff to support our key worker pupils. Please can I reiterate Government guidance that unless it is essential, pupils should remain at home. Working together we can combat the spread of the virus. I understand this is a unique situation, but please ensure you follow guidelines from the Government. Please use the email address [keyworker@stmonicas.co.uk](mailto:keyworker@stmonicas.co.uk) should you have no other choice but to send your child into school. From tomorrow we would ask key worker children who have to attend school to bring a reading book as we will be building in quiet reading time from tomorrow onwards.

Within school we have adopted social distancing measures. Pupil and staff are asked to be at least two metres apart at all times. Each day pupils in school will spend time completing work that has been set on Show My Homework. For hygiene purposes we have assigned each pupil a specific computer to use and these will be cleaned after each session.

Year 11 Parents will have received a separate letter from Mrs Leysens this morning regarding the Government plan to award GCSE grades. Forecasts for pupils last year were very accurate and I would ask parents to trust us during this process. We all want pupils to receive the grades that they deserve.

Please support your child as best you can with online working. We have set up a single point of contact for Show My Homework access concerns; [showmyhomework@stmonicas.co.uk](mailto:showmyhomework@stmonicas.co.uk) should you need help or support. It is also important that we all remain at home as much as possible. This is a time when collectively we need to show levels of social responsibility that perhaps we have not seen over recent years.

I know that many pupils and parents are worried about the current situation. Please reassure your children, and let them know how much you love and cherish them. As a school and as adults we will support them as best we can during a troubled time. Please continue to follow me through Twitter as this is a vital tool in improving communication.

You may be aware that churches have been closed, as Catholics we shall continue to offer prayers for everyone.

Yours faithfully

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