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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we move to the weekend, I would like to remind you of the details of our Designated Safeguarding Leaders and information you may need should a safeguarding issue emerge. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Keenan) and Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Davies) will be available during the school day from 8:30am to 4pm (for safeguarding related issues only) on the following numbers for either telephone calls, text messages or WhatsApp:

Mrs Keenan: 07933 550985

Mrs Davies: 07933 547440

As pupils are increasingly using technology, please remain vigilant regarding who your child is in contact with. Online safety advice and resources can be found at SaferInternetCentre <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> and Netaware <https://www.netaware.org.uk/>.

Year 9 options forms will still be due in on March 30th. Please can these be emailed to optionsforms@stmonicas.co.uk. Mr Kehoe will be able to complete the process when all forms have been submitted.

Following feedback from parents we have made some slight amendments to the schedule for setting work for pupils. Work will still be set broadly in line with your child's timetable, and we have asked that staff give pupils three days to complete tasks. We hope this will allow for better feedback on work set and avoid pupils and parents being overwhelmed. Staff will continue to place work on Show My Homework by 9:00am each day. We will also provide activities for Year 11 pupils so they do not fall out of the habit of study. We very much recommend a strong routine at home – this will aid pupils in their work.

During what would have been the Easter holidays, we will just set homework tasks as we normally would have done from Monday April 6th to Friday April 17th. During the Easter period school will remain open for the pupils of key workers. Please use the email address keyworker@stmonicas.co.uk should you have no other choice but to send your child into school. School will be closed on Good Friday (April 10th) and Easter Monday (April 13th). We will then resume the "regular" setting of work from Monday April 20th as we have done over the past week and a half. We are reviewing our protocols and systems for setting work on an almost daily basis, and we are grateful for the feedback we have received from parents so far.

Please stay safe over the weekend. It is vital that we all follow government guidelines regarding social distancing, self-isolation and remaining in our homes.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Foley

Headteacher

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