

# St Monica's R.C. High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support over recent days. We have received a number of supportive email/texts from the community. This morning, pupil numbers were as we expected them to be. We intend to continue with Year 7 and 11 in the school until Friday. Further information will follow on Friday regarding plans for next week. This may depend on announcements by central government today.

We also need to ensure we fulfil our statutory safeguarding responsibilities during a partial closure. As such I am sharing with you all today, the details of our Designated Safeguarding Leaders and key 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 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

Additional help and support can be found from the following websites:

- The SafeguardingResourceHub has a range of services listed in one place for both children and parents <https://www.safeguardingresourcehub.co.uk/>
- Online safety advice and resources can be found at Thinkuknow, <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> SaferInternetCentre <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> and Netaware <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>.

We have also attached to this letter a PowerPoint presentation we shared with year 7 and 11 pupils this morning. We hope this is useful. Staff are now setting work for pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 through the Show My Homework platform. This will likely be set for each subject at the time they would normally have this lesson, were they to be in school.

As we look to support national guidance, we would like to know if you are a critical care worker (i.e. NHS) and might benefit from school day care, if we are asked to provide it in the longer term. If so, please email [stmonicas@bury.gov.uk](mailto:stmonicas@bury.gov.uk) with the heading Critical Care Worker and include in the email your child's name and year group, to assist with our planning.

Please continue to monitor the school website and my Twitter account for regular updates.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Foley

Headteacher

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