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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to you to update you on the next steps we are taking in school following the announcements made by the government yesterday.

A decision has been made to close the school tomorrow for all pupils with the exception of Year 11 and children of key workers. Given these circumstances I hope you can understand this decision. We are in the process of planning to open from Monday to support those St Monica's parents who are key workers. We have already put in place a draft schedule from Monday that will be very similar to the current school day structure. I am sure you can appreciate this is difficult given we continue to see increases in self-isolations as per guidelines. I will share with all parents again tomorrow how the provision will look from Monday onwards.

As I am sure you are also aware, this is a very challenging time for our Year 11 pupils. I met with them all this morning to reassure them and try to ease their worries. Staff in school are now reviewing the predictions that have been made for these pupils following the decision to cancel the summer examinations. Please can I ask parents to leave staff to do this over the next few days. I appreciate you may be concerned, but rest assured we have this in hand.

For our Year 11 pupils, the schedule will be as follows:

8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:45 am	Form time with Form Tutor
9:45 – 10:30 am	Year 11 Assembly
10:30 – 11:00 am	Opportunity to complete leavers books and so on

From 11.00 am Year 11 pupils will be able to leave the school site. Key worker children will be able to stay in school until 3.00 pm.

A number of Year 9 parents have been submitted questions regarding the options process. We have set up a central email address - optionsforms@stmonicas.co.uk for parents to send these to. The deadline for submission remains March 30th for this. Mr Kehoe will continue to work on our Year 9 curriculum offer during this period of closure.

Please can you continue to refer to previous letters regarding contact details and keeping pupils safe. Again, if you are a parent designated as a key worker, please email school at keyworker@stmonicas.co.uk to inform us and we will contact you regarding longer term plans. If you have already shared this information with us, there is no need to send this to the new email address.

Yours faithfully

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