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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you of our position following the announcement from central government on the closures of schools. As I hope you are all now aware we will remain open as long as we have the staff and resources to do so safely. It is our intention to continue to provide support for our pupils and their families / carers during this uncertain time.

For pupils who will continue to attend school:

- We will look to put a staffing rota in place for pupils in school as well as remaining in contact with pupils who are not in school.
- The timetable will be amended to accommodate the smaller number of pupils. We will ensure work packs that would have been sent home are completed in school, as well as ensuring pupils who are working towards BTEC and functional skills qualifications can continue with their assignments and assessments. We will also ensure that they have fun!

For pupils who are remaining at home:

- Work packs have been put together with work for your child based on their timetable and individualised targets. We will plan to ensure we can support pupils and families to complete this work. We are also keen to ensure we are able to keep in contact with you and your child during this period.
- We are currently setting up pupil emails so we can use this as a way of staying in touch and setting online work.
- Home visits will also take place unless we are told otherwise. Staff will call prior to arriving to ensure it is safe for them to visit (i.e. no one in the family is displaying symptoms of the COVID-19 virus)

For our year 11 pupils we are absolutely committed to ensure they leave St Paul's with the qualifications they deserve. Please be assured this is in the fore front of our minds and contingency plans will be made to enable pupils to complete their course work and access assessments in order for this to happen.

Some reminders of 'working together whilst apart:'

- Establishing a daily routine with your child where possible will help them. You may decide to produce your own daily timetable.
- Provide opportunities to take part in practical and physical activities e.g. cooking, gardening, walking, fitness etc
- Encourage independent projects where possible



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We are moving into territories that no one has navigated previously, and we will be monitoring our learning provision as we move through this period of uncertainty. We are undoubtedly stronger together and I would urge you to continue to communicate with us throughout this period so that we can provide ongoing support and care for your child.

As we look further ahead, the Board of Governors is acutely aware of the potential anxiety that comes with the uncertainty of arrangements for the Summer Term. The Chairman of the Governing Body has arranged for a meeting to take place in early April to discuss the matter and has asked me to offer, on his behalf, a reassurance that the Governors will adopt a compassionate view in striving to maintain continuity of education and care for all members of the St Paul's Community.

Perhaps more than ever, I wish you, your families and your loved ones all the very best.

Kerenza Palmer
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