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Dear Parents/Carers

After the Government's announcement on Monday night to close schools, with the exception of critical/key workers' children and vulnerable students, I am now writing to confirm our plans for remote learning from Monday 11 January until at least February half term.

From Monday, students will move on to their live lesson timetables, which will be sent home by the end of this week. This means that around 50% of students' normal timetabled lessons will be delivered with a live element, and these will be indicated on the timetable, with the remaining lessons having work set for students through the Satchel: One (SMHW) platform. Please note, however, that teachers may choose to have additional 'live' lessons. Invitations to join all lessons that are taking place live via Microsoft Teams, will also be placed on Satchel: One (SMHW). In this way, with a mix of delivery modes and tasks, we believe the students benefit most from their education.

All students in Years 7-11 must register with their tutor at 8.40am every morning. This enables students to continue to interact with their tutor on a regular basis and provides them with an opportunity to raise any concerns that they have. Please continue to use the **Attendance Hotline** to inform the House Office of any reasons for absence. Later this week, there will be a separate communication from the Sixth Form team to confirm Tutor/PDP arrangements and attendance/absence protocols.

We understand that this different way of learning and supporting your child can be a challenge. To support you with this the information we have previously published can be found at <https://sites.google.com/stbarts.co.uk/stbartsremotlearning/home>. Please be aware that this site features training materials for students and guidance on student routines and online behaviour. In the Contacts section, it is also possible to access all staff email addresses and a contact form for technical support. Last term, we also shared a document that offered some guidance for parents. It seems the right moment to share this again.

Throughout this period, if you have any queries in regard to work that students are required to complete, please email your child's teacher, who assuming they are well, will respond to your email within one working day. For part time staff, this may be longer, due to their working hours. Staff email addresses can be found on the website on the parents' portal: <http://www.stbarts.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Staff-email-addresses.pdf>

If you have any more general concerns regarding your child, please contact their House Office:

curnockoffice@stbarts.co.uk

davisoffice@stbarts.co.uk

eversoffice@stbarts.co.uk

pattersonoffice@stbarts.co.uk

Throughout this lockdown, we will again be conducting student wellbeing surveys, as every student's wellbeing remains our priority.

The school remains open for the care of vulnerable students and children of key workers, and it has been pleasing to see them work so well over the last two days. If you have any queries concerning this, please contact Dr Fitter at dfitter@stbarts.co.uk.

Apart from this provision, and any other agreed arrangements, we would ask that neither parents nor students come onto the school site please, and that they follow the Government guidance in terms of the national lockdown so that we can all remain safe.

Moving forward, we will be trying our best to remain in regular communication with you, interpreting and implementing all future Government announcements and guidance in a way that is best for St Bart's students and our whole community, so that they remain safe and achieve the best possible outcomes. We wrote to students and parents yesterday with regard to the cancellation of Examinations this summer and following the further announcement this afternoon and when we gain more clarity we will write again with further detail.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding at this time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mortimore', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Ms J A Mortimore
Headteacher