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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

Following the government announcement on Monday evening, all schools within Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust will only be open for vulnerable children and families where a parent is a key worker.

Once again we will continue the learning for all our students remotely through the TEAMS online platform. Students are expected to follow their own timetable and teachers will be online to teach at the scheduled lesson time. At the start of each lesson the teacher will address all students with a 'good morning' or 'good afternoon' at this point please ask your child to click on the 'like' icon on their screen as this indicates their attendance in the lesson. This is crucial as non-attendance will be followed up in the usual manner. If you experience any difficulties with the TEAMS online platform advice can be found on our website or alternatively please contact the Academy for help. Your support in encouraging students to continue to engage with their regular timetabled sessions via this online platform would be hugely appreciated.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) new testing programme for secondary schools will be continued; as we have testing facilities set-up all students, with consent and staff in school will be tested.

In these unsettling times it is important for everyone to feel connected to the school community we will keep parents informed around any changes as soon as we know more. As information is published we will use MyEd, the school website and our St. Michael's Facebook page to keep parents updated.

Thank you as always for your partnership and commitment, take care, be safe and stay strong.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen Keough', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mrs H Keough
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