



St Margaret's Church of England Academy

"Achievement by faith and work"

Principal: Mr S Brierley MA NPQH

20 March, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus update 6

Stay Calm. Stay Focussed. Stay Safe.

The last week has been an extraordinary one. I am deeply concerned for the well-being of our students as the normality they have known all their lives is dismantled on a daily basis. I mentioned previously that we have encouraged them to stay calm, stay focussed, and stay safe – which is a message that Liverpool's three Church of England High Schools are all promoting in their various ways. Please reinforce it with your children.



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Arrangements for next week

From Monday 23rd March, St Margaret's Church of England Academy is closed as a school. We are effectively being 're-purposed' to provide three services, as detailed below:

- on-site childcare for children who have been identified as 'vulnerable', or whose parents are 'key workers' (you can see the Government's definition of a 'key worker' [here](#));
- online learning for all registered pupils; and
- safeguarding, again for all registered pupils.

I will explain how we will lead this provision, and then say a bit about arrangements for each of these operations in turn.

Senior Leadership arrangements

Given the repurposing of our school, we have temporarily restructured our Senior Leadership Team.

- I will lead the **on-site team**, liaising particularly with 'key workers'. I intend to be in school every day (except for the Easter holidays) and will keep in contact with all our parents and carers (through letters such as this) on a weekly basis.
- Mrs Penketh will focus on our on-site childcare for children who have identified as being 'vulnerable', and will deputise for me in school should I be absent.

- Mr D’Arcy will be responsible for the support staff and their services on-site.
- Mr Lawton will complete the on-site team, whilst retaining oversight of our work with post-16 students.
- Mr Slater will lead the **virtual learning team**, ensuring that there is enough work for your son or daughter, and leading staff who will be setting it and ensuring, as far as possible, that it is completed well.
- Dr Manwaring will assist Mr Slater, deputising for him in his absence.
- Mrs Roberts and Mr O’Gorman will complete the team.
- Dr Silverstone will retain his responsibility for **safeguarding** over both spheres of activity.
- Additionally, Mr Slater (teachers) and Mr D’Arcy (support staff) will oversee our care for colleagues who work here.

On-site childcare

We are only offering on-site child-care to a small number of pupils:

- those identified as being vulnerable (eg because they have an Education Health Care Plan), and
- those who have parents that the Government has defined as being ‘key workers’.

However, I would stress that this is an ‘offer’, and that the Government’s intention is actually to reduce the number of children accessing such childcare as much as possible. **If your child is entitled to childcare please think carefully about whether you need to access it or not.**

Childcare will be available during normal school hours (*ie* 8:45am to 3:15pm), although we are unlikely to retain our normal school-day timings. Students will be expected to wear their school uniform. We will be able to provide a hot meal at lunch-time. Students will be supervised by an adult as they access the online work we will be setting (see below), but in line with Government advice we will be encouraging ‘social distancing’ when they are working and during break and lunch-time.

By the time you receive this letter, we will have attempted to contact all pupils who have been identified as ‘vulnerable’ to ascertain whether they will be accessing our childcare. If you have not been contacted and believe your child may classify as a ‘vulnerable’ learner, please e-mail scbrierley@stmargaretsacademy.com and I will endeavour to reply before Monday.

I am grateful to the number of parents who have e-mailed in to identify as ‘key workers’. I am in the process of replying to everyone – a task I anticipate finishing by late on Saturday evening (assuming I can get on our family desktop computer!). If you haven’t e-mailed us to let us know you are a key worker and then heard back from me by midnight on Saturday, we will **not** be expecting your child in ‘school’ on Monday morning.

It is possible that the Local Authority will determine that a different model of on-site childcare is rolled out later as we have yet to see how this first model will work across the City. However we are currently expecting on-site childcare to be in place here for a number of weeks/months, and we are making plans to maintain our provision over the Easter holidays (except for the Bank Holidays). We will, of course, let you know if there are any changes to the current plans.

On-line learning

Dr Manwaring writes: “Your son can access his daily home learning work via Show my Homework (‘SMHW’). He will need to log on to his account as a number of activities will need to be submitted via his account. An activity for each of his timetabled lessons will be available. The following table outlines the type of tasks that will be set for each subject for each year group:

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Maths	IXL online	IXL online	SMA booklet	SMA booklet
English	SMA booklet	SMA booklet	SMA booklet	SMA booklet
Science	SAM learning	SAM learning	SAM learning Seneca learning	SAM learning Seneca learning
RS	SAM learning	SAM learning	SAM learning	Seneca learning SAM Learning SMA workbooks
History	SMA activities including concept maps	SMA activities including concept maps	SMA work booklets	SMA work booklets
Geography	SMA worksheets	SMA worksheets	SMA worksheets	SMA worksheets
French, Spanish	Pearson Active Learn, Quizlet, Seneca Learning, Quizzes, SMA worksheets			As left, plus grammar/ translation booklets
PE	SAM learning	SAM learning	SAM learning	Seneca learning SMA worksheets
Design Tech	The Works worksheets	The Works worksheets	The Works worksheets	SMA assignments
Food	SMA worksheets	SMA worksheets	SMA worksheets	Practice exam questions
Art/ Photography	Drawing tasks	Drawing tasks	SMA creative tasks	SMA creative tasks
Computing	SAM Learning Quizzez	SAM Learning Quizzez	SAM learning SMA worksheets	Seneca learning SMA worksheets SAM learning
Business	n/a		SMA worksheets	SMA worksheets
Music	Website: Music first application cloud			As left, plus SMA worksheets
Drama	SMA worksheets	SMA worksheets	SMA worksheets	SMA worksheets

“Year 11 work will be based around revision materials.

“Detail will appear in SMHW daily. SMHW does allow access for parents. If you need a copy of your login detail please email itsupport@stmargaretsacademy.com

“If your son becomes unwell and therefore unable to compete his daily learning please telephone the school and leave a message in the normal way each morning of illness.

“The activities must be completed and where appropriate, submitted on the day they are set as the work will be reviewed by the teacher the following day and graded ‘Red’, ‘Amber’ or ‘Green’ to indicate the quality of completion. You will be able to view your son’s grades for each piece of

work on SMHW. If your child is well, but does not complete the work assigned we will endeavour to inform you via ParentMail.

“If your son did not collect his books from school on his last day of attendance and you would like them please telephone the school in advance and we will have them ready for collection when you arrive providing this is permitted by current Government regulations.”

Safeguarding

Dr Silverstone writes: “As a school we will continue to take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and we intend to ‘check-in’ with all pupils via a weekly e-mail sent to school email accounts from form tutors. Please ask your sons/daughters to check their school e-mail regularly and to reply to their tutors so we know they how they are doing.

“For any students who we have identified as being more vulnerable, we may well opt for a telephone check-in. Please don’t be offended if we call, and do ask us for any help or support that you think we may be able to offer. If we can’t help, we may be able to signpost you to other sources of support.

“Finally, if you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding or wellbeing of a child, and they are not facing imminent and serious risk, please e-mail safeguarding@stmargaretsacademy.com. Of course, if a child is facing imminent and serious risk, please call either the Police on 999 or Children’s Services who, for Liverpool, can be reached on 0151233 3700.

“In addition, parents should be aware of a number of sources of support which will continue to be available during school closures. These are tabulated below:”

Resource/service	Description and contact details
Safeguarding Resource Hub	A hub of national safeguarding resources for children, young people and all adults supporting them www.safeguardingresourcehub.co.uk
Liverpool Early Help Directory	A comprehensive directory of local services for families www.liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/early-help-directory
Hub of Hope	Directory of local support services www.hubofhope.co.uk
CAMH	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services Crisis line 0151 293 3577 www.liverpoolcamhs.com/support/camhs-crisis-care-team
PAPYRUS	Suicide Prevention 0800 068 4141 www.papyrus-uk.org
Young Minds	24/7 Mental health crisis support Text YM to 85258 www.youngminds.org.uk
KOOTH	On-line counselling for 14-25 year olds www.kooth.com
Talk Liverpool	Counselling for over 16s 0151 228 2300 www.talkliverpool.nhs.uk

Resource/service	Description and contact details
MindEd	information on mental health www.minded.org.uk
YPAS	Young people's support service 0151 707 1025 www.ypas.org.uk
Samaritans	24/7 listening support 116 123 www.samaritans.org
Childline	24/7 support and advice 0800 1111
Harmless	Information and support about self-harm www.harmless.org.uk
Child Bereavement UK	Bereavement support 01928 577164 www.childbereavementuk.org/cheshire
ADDvanced Solutions	Information and support for ASD/ASC/ADHD/ Neurodevelopmental conditions 0151 486 1788 http://www.advancedsolutions.co.uk
Switchboard	Information, support and advice for LGBTQ+ 0300 330 0630 www.switchboard.lgbt
Addaction	Drugs information and advice 0151 541 2856 www.addaction.org.uk
REFUGE	Domestic violence support and advice www.refuge.co.uk
eCRIME	on-line abuse advice www.ecrime-action.co.uk

Free School Meals

We have written out (electronically and through the post) to all recipients of Free School Meals explaining the Council's scheme to provide some vouchers for week-day lunches whilst schools are shut. If you have not received this letter or have any questions about the process, please contact admin@stmargaretsacademy.com

Finally

The well-being of our students (and their families!) is our highest priority. If we can be of any assistance during the weeks and months ahead, please do not hesitate to let us know. We will do our best to help.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Brierley
Principal

