



St Margaret's Church of England Academy

"Achievement by faith and work"

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Coronavirus: urgent request for information

Good evening,

We are still in the process of digesting the news that schools in England will close to most pupils from next Monday, and we will be writing to you again tomorrow with further details.

However, to assist our planning it would be very helpful to know which of our parents and carers work in "essential services" (such as the National Health Service, the emergency services and delivery services), and would as a consequence wish their son or daughter to remain in school. Our current understanding is that children in such families do not have to come into school, but they may come in to enable their parents to continue working. Please e-mail 16jtest@stmargarets.academy.com if this applies to you (but please note we may not be able to respond to your e-mail in a timely manner).

We are minded at this stage to offer childcare only to students who still come into school, and not education -- otherwise students who are not able to come in could start at a considerable disadvantage when school reopens. However we need to consider this further before coming to a definite position. We will confirm arrangements tomorrow.

Please continue to reassure your son/daughter to **stay calm, stay focussed**, and **stay safe**. And if there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Stephen Brierley

Principal.