



## Bishop Vaughan Catholic School

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may already know, the Welsh Education Minister has made the announcement today that all schools in Wales will be closed to pupils as of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Her full statement can be found here:

[https://gov.wales/statement-minister-education-kirsty-williams-school-closures-wales?fbclid=IwAR0xxSVE7UJ6o3koG5wntNJ0WsjphKQRt0ZqBw\\_tEDhC17MlnPVw9Zea6aE](https://gov.wales/statement-minister-education-kirsty-williams-school-closures-wales?fbclid=IwAR0xxSVE7UJ6o3koG5wntNJ0WsjphKQRt0ZqBw_tEDhC17MlnPVw9Zea6aE)

At present, I do not yet have further information from Welsh Government. The statement references, for example, ways in which schools will continue to “help and support those most in need.” Whilst we have not yet received details of the plans that Welsh Government are developing with regard to this, I can assure you that every effort will be made by the school to ensure that our pupils and their families are supported during this time of uncertainty.

We also do not yet know how long school closure will be in place, but the situation will be kept under constant review and you will receive daily updates and news. You can access these updates and news via any of the following:

- The school website: <https://www.bishopvaughan.co.uk/news>
- The school's Twitter account: [https://twitter.com/Bishop\\_Vaughan](https://twitter.com/Bishop_Vaughan)
- The MyEd app: <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>

This is a very unusual set of circumstances for our school, as for all, and I know that you will have lots of questions. I will do my best to answer some of those within these daily updates. I am also making provision for enhanced levels of home-school communication during this closure period and will share full details of this shortly.

In the meantime, as stated in my letter to you of the 16<sup>th</sup> March (available here: <https://www.bishopvaughan.co.uk/post/covid-19-update>), staff are working hard to ensure continued learning provision for pupils during the period of closure. Wherever possible, we will try to facilitate this through online learning in order to maintain continuous provision and swift receipt of materials. I would be very grateful, therefore, if families of pupils who are unable to access online learning for any reasons could notify the school by telephoning the Main Office on 01792 772006.

The Local Authority have also requested that all schools make available a supply of feminine hygiene products for all of our female pupils. These have been discreetly packed and are available from the Main Hall tomorrow during breaktime and

lunchtime. We would encourage all of the girls to receive these packs to which they are fully entitled.

Finally, I would just re-emphasise my commitment to providing you with further information as soon as it becomes available to me. I thank you for your understanding in this exceptionally challenging and constantly evolving situation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Pole' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Pole  
Headteacher