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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I would like to thank you for all the support you have given to the school community and me in these challenging and unsettling times.

The school building is now closed until further notice, with the exception of our vulnerable students and the children of key workers. These families have now been individually contacted with details of the arrangements for their children.

If you have not submitted the key worker survey with a request for your child to attend school for our consideration, you must not send your child to school, but keep your child at home.

Every child at home continues to be a student of St. Paul's Academy and their teachers will actively support their teaching and learning through our Home Learning Plans. Full details of the Home Learning Plans are available on the Academy's website as well as in the letter sent to families earlier this week.

In addition, Year 11 have their T&L resource pack and will need to follow the 2020 Examination Classes Guidance. I appreciate with the Government's announcement of the cancellation of the examination season the anxiety about your child's GCSE and BTEC results may be another significant worry to you. I would like to reassure you that we will be in touch shortly to let you know exactly what will be happening to ensure that grades are awarded fairly and in recognition of all the work your child has produced.

The response from the Year 11 cohort to the news that their exams would be cancelled has been remarkable. We are extremely proud of the maturity and strength they have demonstrated over the last three days.

I am also very proud of how all the students responded to the extraordinary assemblies on Thursday when the issues surrounding the closure of our school were shared with them and guidance on how they should conduct themselves and occupy their time while learning at home.

While we are physically separated, it is a consolation to know that in each of your homes a part of St. Paul's Academy will continue to operate with the Home Learning Plan with virtual contact between teachers and their students.

I urge you to follow the advice from the Government in keeping safe, saving lives and support for our NHS.

I hope you and your families continue to keep safe looking after each other as well as supporting the vulnerable and elderly in your neighbourhood.

God bless to you all.

Siobhan Malone
Principal

