



Diocese of St. Albans



ST MARY'S  
CE HIGH SCHOOL

4 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**Important information: Easter Holiday closure, Coronavirus and safety on the way home from school**

**Easter Holiday**

Please note that school will finish at **12:30pm** on Friday 3 April when school closes for the Easter Holiday. This is the same time as at the end of the Autumn and Summer Terms and is a slight change to the original school calendar.

**Coronavirus**

News of the spread of the Coronavirus is still with us and I am monitoring announcements from Hertfordshire and the Department for Education daily. Headteachers have been told to keep schools open unless directed otherwise, so we will remain open and life will go on as normal. If I am instructed to close I will notify you. Please monitor health in your family, be vigilant about anyone who has symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) and contact 111 if you are concerned. The NHS website has useful information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please remind your children about good hygiene practice (washing hands regularly for 20 seconds and not touching their eyes, nose or mouth). Do not send a child in to school if you are concerned about these symptoms and seek advice from the NHS 111 line. Use the school absence line (01992 642918) not the main reception, to report your child ill. If you are concerned about their symptoms, let us know via this number and the attendance team will tell me.

**Safety on the way home**

Unfortunately, there have been some incidents of robbery and attempted robbery in the local area. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to remind students to remain extra vigilant, and to make sure parents/carers know how and what time they will be getting home. If walking home, students should do so in groups wherever possible, and not stop and talk to any strangers whether adult or child. I encourage parents/carers and students to think about what valuables they are carrying with them, including expensive mobile devices, and ask that they are not used by students while walking home, thus advertising the fact that they have them. I ask also that students do not wear earphones whilst walking/cycling home: not only do these cut them off from hearing what is going on, but they also advertise that they have something of value on them (i.e. the phone they are connected to). The police have been supporting in areas around school and we remain vigilant and ask you and your children do the same.

Yours faithfully

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