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Learning and Teaching at St Joseph's RC High School

Dear students and parents

In order to ensure clear communication and support around Teaching and Learning I am your point of contact for all Learning and Teaching issues at St Joseph's. Please feel free to contact me at any time using amcdonnell@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk and I will endeavour to reply to all queries with a 24-hour turn around. Whilst we navigate the coming days, weeks and possibly months I would like to outline what you can expect from us.

Students will be set work in line with their usual timetable by their class teacher. Where possible, some form of feedback will be given to students. Those requiring assistance and support with their work will be able to message or e-mail their teachers and should expect a response within a day or two. Please bear in mind that some staff may be off sick, in which case their Head of Department will monitor the work set. I am in daily contact with Heads of Department to manage the overview of work set. We would ask that students use their school e-mail if possible. Staff can be contacted on their own school e-mail account.

Whilst work will mostly be set on a daily basis, some subjects lend themselves to longer-term projects. Where this is the case, teachers will regularly touch base with students with tips and ideas and to check the project is moving along at pace.

Year 11

Sixth form providers are working swiftly to come up with clarity and a way forward to best support transition for Year 11. Be reassured that they do not want you to be disadvantaged by this situation. We will keep you updated on this, and strongly recommend that students keep their books and assessments as evidence, and that they continue to send in high quality responses to any work set by teachers. It is essential students maintain their skills and knowledge, and provide robust evidence for a current working grade. It has been suggested there could be some form of baseline testing on entry to Sixth Form, and that some colleges may send pre-reading work out to make sure students have not regressed before they start their courses.

Whilst it will be tempting for our young people to see this situation as a long holiday it is clear that they will benefit from, and have a right to, a quality education. We will do our utmost to continue to provide this. Learning and teaching will evolve over the coming weeks to become better suited to distance learning and we are expecting to see our creative use of technology adapt to suit our current situation.

I will be sending out regular up-dates but in the meantime please do not hesitate to get in touch and stay safe. Our prayers are with each and every one of our community,

Stay with us Lord on our journey,

Mrs A.P. McDonnell

Assistant Headteacher – Learning & Teaching