



ST HILDA'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL CLOSURE – MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2020

As a school we only consider closing the school a last resort. This is a time of national emergency for us all. We had opened to our vulnerable children and children of key workers today. We have had extremely low numbers of both in attendance. Therefore, on balance of risk, to open the school presents more opportunity for the spread of Covid-19 amongst the staff required to open and manage the school and our students on-site.

As of 2.50 today, Monday 23 March, St Hilda's CE School will be closed until further notice. There will be no provision for any students. Government guidance has been very clear about parent and carer keeping their child off school and at home wherever possible. There are no secondary school hubs in Liverpool.

I appreciate that this may be disappointing for some parents and carers, but we are in a situation we have never experienced before where the guidance to work and learn from home is clear. With much reduced staffing numbers, I cannot safely open the school to any students.

Whilst the school is closed, our duty and responsibility to safeguarding our students remains. Our regular check-ins with families needing a bit of extra help and support will continue throughout the period of school closure, just as if the school was open. Please do not feel offended if a member of school staff calls to check in with you, and to speak to your child. If you have any safeguarding concerns whilst the school is closed, for your child or for any other student from the school, please contact Mr Jones as Designated Safeguarding Lead jjones@st-hildas.co.uk

I will update the website and send information to you as often as I need to. I know these are worrying times for us all, but you remain in our thoughts and prayers. Stay calm, stay focussed and stay safe at this very trying time.

I will remain in contact,

Jo Code

ADVICE AND SUPPORT INFORMATION

Safeguarding Resource Hub	A hub of national safeguarding resources for children, young people and all adults supporting them www.safeguardingresourcehub.co.uk
Liverpool Early Help Directory	A comprehensive directory of local services for families www.liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/early-help-directory
Hub of Hope – local services directory	Directory of local support services www.hubofhope.co.uk
CAMHS - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services	Crisis line 0151 293 3577 www.liverpoolcamhs.com/support/camhs-crisis-care-team
PAPYRUS – suicide prevention	0800 068 4141 www.papyrus-uk.org
Young Minds – 24/7 crisis support	Mental health crisis support Text YM to 85258 www.youngminds.org.uk
KOOTH – over 14s on-line counselling	On-line counselling for 14-25 yr olds www.kooth.com
Talk Liverpool – over 16s counselling	0151 228 2300 www.talkliverpool.nhs.uk
MindEd – information on mental health	www.minded.org.uk
YPAS - young people’s support service	0151 707 1025 www.ypas.org.uk
Samaritans – 24/7 listening support	24/7 listening support Tel: 116 123 www.samaritans.org
Childline - 24/7 support and advice	0800 1111
Harmless - self harm support & advice	Information and support www.harmless.org.uk
Child Bereavement UK - bereavement support	01928 577164 www.childbereavementuk.org/cheshire
ADDvanced Solutions - ASC/ADHD/SEND support & info	Information & support for ASD/ASC/ADHD/SEND/Neurodevelopmental conditions 0151 486 1788 http://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk
Switchboard - LGBT+ support & advice	Information and support www.switchboard.lgbt 0300 330 0630
Addaction – drugs information and advice	0151 541 2856 www.addaction.org.uk
REFUGE – domestic violence support and advice	www.refuge.co.uk
eCRIME – on-line abuse advice	www.ecrime-action.co.uk