



6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, as part of the Government's strategy to fight Coronavirus, all schools were directed to close from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and remain open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers only. All other children will learn remotely until February half term based upon the most recent guidance. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time and as a school we will continue to keep you updated with developments as soon as we are able.

Whilst the school is closed, our duty and responsibility to safeguard our pupils remains. Our regular check-ins with families will continue throughout the period of school closure, just as if school was open. Please feel reassured if a member of staff calls or visits to check in with you and to speak to your child.

Accurate communication with you is vital at this time and "Parentapp" is the most efficient and direct way for the school to communicate important information. If you have not yet downloaded the app, you will have recently received a text message with an invitation. Please follow the instructions on that text message to download the app as a matter of urgency, to ensure that you are not missing vital information from school. We will continue as a school to provide remote learning for your child every day whilst school is closed. We will be continuing to use our on-line learning platform, Classcharts, to support your child's education and expect that your daughter is accessing and completing her work from here. If you are having any difficulties accessing the remote education please contact Miss Crowley [crowleyl@stjohnbosco.org.uk](mailto:crowleyl@stjohnbosco.org.uk) or notify the member of staff who contacts you.

Families who are in receipt of free school meals will continue to be supported throughout this lockdown and we will be organising food hampers initially to support this initiative. Further details will be sent to families regarding accessing this support.

Please find below links to helpful services who can provide advice and guidance in a number of areas during lockdown. Further useful links for parents can also be found on our school website. My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you.

Yours sincerely

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## Useful contacts for help and advice during school closure January 2021

<a href="#">Chayn</a> provides support for victims of domestic abuse in a variety of languages		
<a href="#">Karma Nirvana</a> provides support for honour based abuse	0800 5999 247	
<a href="#">Refuge</a>	0800 2000 247	
<a href="#">Victim Support</a>	0808 16 89 111	
<a href="#">LGBT Foundation</a>	0345 330 30 30	
<a href="#">Forced Marriage Unit</a>	020 7008 0151	
<a href="#">Freedom Charity</a> works to combat forced marriage	0845 607 0133	
<a href="#">The Freedom Programme</a> free information for victims	01942 262 270	
<a href="#">Rights of Women</a> provides free legal advice for women	020 7251 6577	
<a href="#">RCJ Advice</a> provides free legal advice for women	0203 745 7707	
<a href="#">Domestic Abuse Organisations</a>		
<a href="#">Citizens Advice</a>	03444 111 444	
<a href="#">GOV.UK</a> (Covid-19 Guidance)		
<a href="#">GOV.UK Domestic Abuse</a>		
<a href="#">NSPCC</a>		
<a href="#">Barnardo's</a>		
<a href="#">NHS</a>		
<b>Liverpool</b>		
<a href="#">RASA</a> Rape and sexual abuse support	0151 666 1392	
<a href="#">Victim Care Merseyside</a> local support for victims		
<a href="#">Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services</a>	0151 263 7474	
<a href="#">Merseyside Domestic Violence Service</a>	0780 272 2703	
<a href="#">South Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services</a>	0151 494 2222	
<a href="#">Ruby Project</a> (Royal Liverpool Hospital)	0771 428 9180	
<a href="#">Savera UK</a> (honour based abuse & harmful practice specialist)	0800 107 0726	
<a href="#">Worst Kept Secret</a> (Merseyside helpline)	0800 028 3398	
<a href="#">Amadudu Women's Refuge</a>	07801 597 066	0151 734 0083
<b>Support for children:</b>		
<a href="#">Young Persons Advisory Service</a> (YPAS Liverpool)	0151 707 1025	
<a href="#">Childline</a> (NSPCC)	0800 1111	
<a href="#">The Hideout</a> support for children who experience domestic abuse		
<a href="#">Love Respect</a> advice about abusive relationships		
<b>Support for men:</b>		
<a href="#">Men's Advice Line</a> (Freephone)	0808 801 0327	
<a href="#">Man Kind</a> support for male victims of domestic abuse	01823 334244	



## Mental Health

The [NHS](#) has produced guidance and helplines on a range of mental health issues.

[Liverpool CAMHS](#) provides guidance for when people need mental health support or are in crisis.

[Liverpool Learning Partnerships](#) has also developed a bank of key resources.

Government guidance in response to mental health Covid-19 can be found [here](#).

[Samaritans](#)

[Childline](#) (NSPCC) 0800 1111

[Kooth](#) an online community providing support for mental wellbeing for adolescents

[CAMHS](#) child and adolescent mental health services

[Beacon Counselling Trust](#) local counselling charity

[Chasing the Stigma](#) mental health charity to normalise and humanise mental health issues

[Education Support](#) charity to support the mental health of professionals

[Mind Ed](#) advice and resources for professionals and all adults

[Papyrus](#) charity dedicated to the prevention of suicide amongst young people

[Place 2 Be](#) school-based support and counselling; also provides advice for under 18s

[Hub of Hope](#) mental health guidance

[Association for Young People's Health](#) resources and information for both adults and children

[Young Minds](#) advice and guidance for both adults and children