



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Today is the last day of full educational provision from schools across the country. From Monday, 23 March all schools close and they will only provide a place of safety for pupils who are either classed as 'vulnerable' or who have one of their parents employed as a 'Key Worker'. We are instructed that the educational provision for pupils who are allowed to attend school should be the same as for those who are not allowed to attend school.

I must ask parents or carers who believe that they would be classed as a Key Worker to visit our website (www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk) and complete the online registration form, making clear how we can verify your employment details. **Full details of who should be classed as a Key Worker can be found on the website.** I am deeply sorry to say that, unless we can confirm employment status, your child (children) will not be allowed to attend our school. They must follow the educational provision that we have set from home using the online resources, rather than from school.

This action allows schools to look after the children of parents or carers whose work is essential to the running of the country, so that they may attend their place of work. At school we will have a very much reduced level of staffing and must ensure that we can carry out the service asked of us for our community.

The time will come when we will all emerge from this crisis we will heal and rebuild. We must work together to ensure that we support each other as best as we can, both in prayer and in actions.

*And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised,
and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.
And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed.
And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth
began to heal.
And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses,
and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth
fully,
as they had been healed.
(Kitty O'Meara)*

Yours sincerely

Mr N Ranson
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