

St Edmund Campion Catholic School

Update: 26th April 2020

Dear Parents/carers

Once again I am hoping you are all keeping well and safe. We wish all of our Muslim community a very Holy Ramadan. I know this year will be very different for you and you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this special time.



It is great to see so many pupils sending in examples of the work they have completed.

<https://www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk/524/school-gallery> Please continue to send in the work so that we can display it on our website.

Keep safe and may God be with you all at this time

Mr Grant

- **School Opening**

We continue to be open to pupils of key workers and vulnerable pupils only. There has been no directive as to when schools will begin to reopen so the current arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future.

Note: we intend to be open on the bank holiday of Friday 5th May to pupils of key workers and vulnerable pupils.

- **Free School Meals Vouchers**

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals then you will receive an email each fortnight for you to be able to download the vouchers. You must let us have a valid email address. If you haven't yet done so please email FSM@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk

The system being used by the DfE has had some technical issues so you may find there is a delay in you receiving them. We are working hard to ensure everything our end is submitted properly.

Eligible parents will receive free school meal voucher codes via the school email system. Beware of scam emails from other sources - **DO NOT provide your bank details to anybody.**

- **School work for your children**

We have sent out a schedule of work from the Oak National Academy and BBC bitesize. We will continue to send this schedule out weekly

We will also continue to set the work via classcharts.

I am retweeting any resources I come across if they help. Our twitter account is @stedcamp

Please do ensure your child is accessing and completing their work.

Bishop Challoner have also put this activities page together which has lots of ideas:

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/activity-ideas>

- **Ramadan During COVID 19**

On the 23 March 2020 the UK Government officially announced that all places of worship should close, and both the Muslim Council of Britain and British Board of Scholars and Imams advised Muslim communities that they must pray from home and not congregate together for worship. This currently continues for the duration of Ramadan.

The Muslim Council of Britain has published some excellent guidance for those of you observing Ramadan during this most difficult of times.

<https://mcb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MCB-Ramadan-2020-Guidance.pdf>

<https://mcb.org.uk/mcb-updates/coronavirus-guidance-for-mosques-and-madrassas/>

- **Laptops and 4G Routers**

You will have seen the announcement about providing disadvantaged pupils with laptops and routers. We are working on this although this will probably be led by the St John Paul II Multi Academy. The DfE are aiming to have something in place for June.

- **Examinations update**

Earlier this month the examinations regulator Ofqual, published some guidance to schools on the awarding of A level, GCSE and Vocational grades this summer. The process will involve teachers awarding Centre Assessment Grades for each student in each of their subjects and then within each grade awarded, complete a rank order. Ofqual subsequently launched a consultation on some of the arrangements in their guidance and this will close on 29th April. From this we expect some additional guidance in early May. At St Edmund Campion School we will be working together to award pupils Centre Assessment Grades and to complete rank orders. We have been given very clear guidance from Ofqual on sharing grades with students, parents and carers. Schools must not, under any circumstances, share the Centre Assessment Grades nor the rank order of students with parents, carers or students themselves, before final results have been issued. This is to protect the integrity of teachers' judgements, and to avoid teachers, heads of department, senior leaders and the headteacher being put under pressure by students and parents, to submit a grade that is not supported by evidence. Please be assured that the process of awarding GCSE and A level grades will be rigorous, objective and fair.

Results days: A level results will be published on Thursday 13th August GCSE results will be published on Thursday 20th August

We will be holding our 6th form enrolment on the GCSE results day on 20th August

- **Contacting School**

If you need to contact school there is always someone in the office. 0121 464 7700

You can also email us at enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk

Staff will also continue to be contacting you over the coming weeks just to check in and see if there are any problems. They will probably contact you either from school or from their mobiles using the number withheld function. If you do receive such a call it is likely to be from your child's form tutor.

- **Safeguarding, SEND and Mental Health**

Mrs Fleming and Mr Hostead (our new SENCO while Mrs Gilbert is on maternity leave) send out update newsletters regularly via parentmail. There is a lot of useful information for everyone contained within with many links to useful resources to help us all with our mental health during this time.

- **Prayer for Health**

Christ be with me,



Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Loving God, in Christ Jesus, the servant of all, you call us to the service of others. Grant to those who govern the community the skill to recognise its urgent needs and the strength to pursue the common good. Endow us all with patience and courage, that we may care for the suffering, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and sustain the needy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

