

Dear Parents/Carers

School Closure Update Monday 11th May 2020

I hope you enjoyed the extended bank holiday weekend, particularly the warm weather on Friday and Saturday.

The Welsh Government has indicated that the lockdown measures will remain in place for another three weeks. The Minister for Education in Wales has also confirmed that schools will not open after the May half term on Monday 1st June. Therefore, we now know that schools will definitely be closed until Friday 5th June. We await further information from the Welsh Government for the weeks after that.

Home Learning

There are many reports in the media on how families are finding home learning difficult. We do understand that the situation is not ideal for families. Therefore, we have provided a flexible approach to learning by setting work on a fortnightly basis. The work can be completed within the fortnight at a time that suits your family routines. We also expect students at secondary school to be more independent, particularly as they get older. The work should be accessible to them and if they have any concerns at all, they can contact their teachers via email. As a bare minimum, they should be checking their email daily and logging into Google Classrooms.

We continue with our home learning programme for the remainder of this half term. New work for students has been set and placed on the school website for the next fortnightly block. The work from the previous fortnight will remain on the website for those students who have not yet finished it. We urge our students to engage with the work to ensure they can access learning during the school closure period.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We are expecting the second voucher to be emailed to families **by Wednesday**. Please check your email or your child's email if you are expecting a voucher. Those families who didn't register an email address in time will receive a printed copy in the post. If you do not receive your voucher, please contact the school via [email](#).

Sanitary Products

We will be open on **Tuesday 12th May** between **1000 and 1200** to distribute free sanitary products provided by Newport City Council.

Communication

We are here for you and your families during this unprecedented time. If you need to contact either a Progress Leader or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, email us at info@stjuliansschool.co.uk. Your email will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

I hope you and your families remain safe. Take care.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D. Curtis
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