The Daily Covid – 11am 23rd April 2020. Please remember that this is correct at the time of writing and that things are changing rapidly.

Hello everybody

**Thanks**

I hope that you are all happy and healthy and enjoying the sunshine. Things are very peaceful and calm at St Andrew’s at present and I would like to express a huge thanks to the staff who have been part of the rota – your positivity, attitude and the work that you have been doing have been awesome and inspirational. The vulnerable young people whom we are supporting are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team around them.

I would also like to thank the ‘other’ rotas who are currently supporting our pupils with complex medical needs in the family home. It is very difficult to go into a home where you are working in unfamiliar circumstances but I understand that this is going extremely well and that you are making a real difference to the lives of the young people as well as allowing a key worker to complete her invaluable frontline job.

**Rota (PSAs and EYPs)**

As we are now supporting more pupils and will be moving to a 5 mornings from Monday 27th April, we will need to add staff to the rota. If you are called to the rota then you will need to be prepared to work up to your contracted hours. This ensures consistency for our pupils. The reality is that this is impossible for full time staff as St Andrew’s is only open 9am – 12pm – unless of course you are part time in which case 3 x full days = 5 x half days etc. We have chosen to involve the same staff in the rota over the five days so if you are called then you will work the 5 mornings as well as escorting if required. This does not apply to those who are in vulnerable groups and who have ‘Shielding letters’ from the NHS. Clearly if you are displaying symptoms then you will need to isolate for either 7 or 14 days depending on circumstances or attend testing at the most local facility to you. You should not attend school if there is any doubt in your health.

**Looking Forwards**

None of us know when schools will return or in what form and this degree of uncertainty can cause a great deal of stress. Please remember that if you are struggling or even just want a chat to pick up the phone to myself/Vicki and we will try to help.

Many thanks

Gina