

St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

You will be aware that the government announced that Year 10 and Year 12 students will have some face to face contact with their teachers during the second half of this summer term. I am writing to reassure you that we are currently working with the government guidance to prepare and risk assess how students can come into school.

You have my commitment that we will not reopen St Joseph's until we have firm plans in place, to ensure that our pupils and staff will be as safe as possible. As I'm sure you will appreciate, a significant amount of work is required to put in place the appropriate interventions and adaptations to enable us to reopen safely.

What is clear is that this will not be school as it was just a few months ago; we are expecting to have significantly reduced class sizes to cater for social distancing, and a mix of in-school and distance learning. At the same time, catering and other facilities will need to be modified to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to outside of the classroom also. From a hygiene point of view, our cleaning services will respond appropriately. In addition, we need to consider which staff will be able to return safely to work, as anyone with a formal shielding notice needs to remain at home, which could have an impact on teaching capacity.

I appreciate that many of you will have specific questions that you want to be answered as quickly as possible. However, I am asking for a continuation of the exceptional patience and support that so many of you have shown over the last few months.

Kind regards

Mr P Mitchell
(Acting Headteacher)