



Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware of the government's announcement that, in sensible and safe numbers, Year 10 and Year 12 could resume some face-to-face time in school.

Following significant work in school to manage the risk for our community, we are delighted to communicate that the well-being and academic interviews have taken place for these year groups, that Year 12 have resumed their lessons, and selected students from Year 10 will be in for the rest of the term in lessons across their curriculum. I have attached a student version of our risk assessment for you to see the current level of planning we have had to undertake to open to the current year groups. This will be revised once we have further details from the government about the plans for September.

Once again this week, grand announcements have been made by the government regarding September, with the intention to fully open all schools to all year groups. Unfortunately, the details have not arrived with the same level of planning as yet. Having said this, if the conditions are safe to do so, I know all our students and staff will be delighted to get back to school – not only to engage in learning but to bring our community back together for social, moral, and spiritual support. I can confirm that we intend to fully open the Sixth Form normally to all learners.

Looking forward to the new term, we still wish to mark the end of schooling properly for Year 11 and Year 13. Once the situation is clearer, we really hope to stage events for those students who have lost out – this is very important to all of us.

The leadership have undertaken training to prepare our staff and students for the return to school; this is called a 'recovery curriculum'. This will shape our training with staff in September. We are fortunate to have a strong Catholic Ethos that enables us to support our young people, and we realise the great impacts this time has had on us, and how much harder things may be for some students (and staff) when they return. An aspect of our new school development plan will have these elements in, something that we can share with all stakeholders next term.

Until the end of term, Years 7 to 9 will continue with a distanced learning model, working from home. We are also currently waiting for further details on any catch-up programmes mentioned by the government. Thank you all for your continuing support in unusual and challenging times. If you feel that you need further support from us as a family, do not hesitate to call.

Yours sincerely,

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