



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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25th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Return to School September 2020

I hope that this communication finds all our families safe and well.

You may recall that I wrote to you at the start of the summer break promising to update you with details of arrangements for the return to school in September. At that point I was awaiting further information and guidance from the Department for Education. To date there have been no significant alterations to the guidance that was issued in July, as a result I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the plans for the return of our young people.

The current plan is for a gradual return, year group by year group, to take place across the week beginning 7th September.

The reason for the cautious approach is to ensure that all pupils can fully understand the new ways of working that we have had to adopt to ensure their safety and the safety of the wider on-site community.

Year groups will return in the following order:

Monday 7th September

- New Year 7 pupils to arrive for 8.35am through the main entrance at the front of school

Tuesday 8th September

- Year 7 plus Year 8 for 8.35 am again using the main entrance at the front of school

Wednesday 9th September

- Year 7, Year 8 (main entrance) plus Year 11 who will use the rear entrance on the "black path"

Thursday 10th September

- Years 7,8 (main entrance) & 11 plus Year 10 also to use the rear entrance

Friday 11th September

- All Year Groups
Years 7&8 Front 8.35am
Year 10&11 Rear 8.35am
Year 9 Front entrance 8.45 am

These restrictions are to avoid congestion.

At the end of school:

- Years 7&8 will be dismissed at 2.50pm through the front of school
- Year 9 will be dismissed at 3pm through the front
- Years 10 & 11 will be dismissed through the rear at 3pm

I appreciate that this may cause an inconvenience to some families, however I firmly believe that if we get this right the whole of our school community will benefit.

A list of 'Frequently Asked Questions' is currently being compiled and will be posted onto the school website very shortly. Please refer to this in the first instance as we feel most questions will have been addressed, however if there is any other information you require please send an e-mail to school staugustine@staugus.org.uk

Returning to school, pupils will find that there have been some changes, and that my expectations regarding the acceptance of these changes is not optional. Breaches of protocols which put the health and safety of members of our community at risk will be treated seriously and necessary sanctions will be imposed.

The expectation, without exception, is that full school uniform will be worn at all times.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support with these measures. I hope and pray that there will soon be a return to normality for us all.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Lynch', written in a cursive style.

Mrs G Lynch
Headteacher