



St Edward's School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this week the Prime Minister gave a preliminary indication of a possible way forward for education, as we attempt to climb out of the COVID-19 lockdown. Just as Government direction is understandably based on a range of possible scenarios, depending on viral and societal responses to partial easing of restrictions, so too, we as a school are planning for a range of possible scenarios. None of these look like school as we knew it, and none of them will be perfect.

In addition to the current educational provision for children of key workers (as defined by the Government) and vulnerable children, the possible, partial return of examination groups has been signaled, and in our context this means years 10 and 12. Our current remote learning processes will remain in place for all other year groups until the end of the summer term. Our initial steps, in due course, will be to ascertain levels of staffing available, and the level of Year 10 and 12 parental desire for some education on campus. Some of our staff will remain personally vulnerable and/or shielding others; and some parents and carers may prefer for their child to continue to be educated at home this side of the summer holidays. We will seek the views of the families of year groups affected in due course, but as ever, our dedicated email "heretohelp" address is there for you to raise any concerns or to share ideas with us.

Safety will be paramount for anyone on campus, just as it is now, and this will require new systems, processes and routines. We will be working on these as the bigger picture clarifies in the weeks ahead. It is important to emphasise that the Government will only permit schools to allow more children to return to school, at some point after 1st June, if its tests demonstrate that infection rates continue to decline; and any steps taken by our school will be undertaken in collaboration with other schools in the BCP authority.

As we approach the May half term break, we will view the week as a time for consolidation for some, deepening of learning for others, and rest from learning for those who need it. I am asking our staff to slow down, and rest too, during half-term.

As a centre of learning, I want us to continue to learn from you if there are ways we can improve our service. We are doing our very best to support your child, just as you are too. Thank-you for your support for our work.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher