



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that we are now entering our fourth week of being back to school, how quickly the time has gone. It has been wonderful to welcome all of our students and return to (some kind of normal pattern of) learning and the routines of school life. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of your support, working with us to ensure that the transition to St. Edward's from both primary school and from home schooling during lockdown was successful. It has been wonderful to see our classrooms and outdoor spaces filled with students engaged and having fun.

I would like to draw your attention to a few expectations and reminders about events coming up. Firstly, on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October 2020 it is our Parent/ Carer Tutor times. You will have the opportunity during these times to meet virtually with your child's tutor; this will allow you to see how the first month has gone for your child and also to ask any questions that you may have. Please make an appointment for this through our online parents evening system where you will be able to pick a time slot that is suitable for yourselves.

Regarding our expectations, again a thank you for sending your child in with the correct equipment ensuring they are prepared for learning; it makes such a difference. Where we are unable to lend students equipment, please do make sure they have spares should they need it. A reminder that hair does need to be of a natural colour, and no shorter than a grade 2. Please ensure when your child has PE that they are wearing the St. Edward's PE kit, they can wear plain black or blue joggers if needed.

With the on-going and changing situation nationally, we ask that your child brings a mask with them to school. It is not mandatory for students to wear one at present, unless they are in the VI form, but they can if they wish. However, we do expect them to have one with them. Going forward it is important we have these high expectations of students and having your support is much appreciated.

Finally, as we are aware the virus is far from behind us, and we do have plans in place to provide online learning for students should we return to a local lockdown, or if we need to isolate certain year groups. We want to ensure that, should this happen, all students have access to the means to engage with online learning. We would like to assess students' electronic resources so we are able to find a way forward to ensure those students can complete work at home if necessary.

Please contact via email to transition@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk if your child does not have access to: a) A laptop, tablet or computer to complete work on, b) an internet connection.

Warm Regards,

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