



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

2nd October 2020,

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school, and a return to some form of normality to our students. The first four weeks are now past us, and it has been great to see the students back and ready to learn, whilst being so adaptable to the new situations we find ourselves in. It once again goes to show just how resilient and adaptable the students from St Edward's School really are. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over lockdown, and then during the return to school, where the majority of students appear to be settled in as if they had never really left.

As part of the return to school, and a gradual return to normality, there are a couple of key events and expectations I would like to draw attention to. Firstly, on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October 2020 it is our Parent/ Carer Tutor Evenings. Here, you will have the opportunity to meet virtually with your child's tutor; this will allow you to see how the first month back has gone for your child and also to ask any questions that you may have. Please make appointments through our online parents evening system where you will be able to pick a time slot between 15:30 and 19:00 that is suitable for yourselves. Details of how to access this system will have already been sent to you.

Regarding our expectations, 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 that when your child has PE, they are wearing the St Edward's PE kit, they can wear plain black or blue joggers if needed, and the school PE hoodie only.

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 heretohelp@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,

Mr. Michael Wood
Director of Learning