



as a joint Roman Catholic
and Church of England School

St Edward's

11th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the first week of the return to school I would like to thank you for ensuring that your child is equipped with everything they need to make a great start back at school.

The lateral flow testing has gone very smoothly, and visitors have commented on the excellent behaviour of our students. We have had the huge benefit of a large number of volunteers, whose care for the children, and diligent work has been central to such a successful process. On your behalf I thank them for doing such a wonderful job.

It has been such a delight to see our students back on campus; and I know that my colleagues all share in this feeling. We have found our students exactly as we would expect them to be; courteous, well focused, and smartly presented. They are a credit to you, their parents. Thank-you also for your support with ensuring that students who are exempt from wearing a mask are clearly wearing identification that helps staff to know who to gently remind, and who has a good reason for being without one. As ever, in managing a complex situation we have to rely on consideration and care for the needs of others, and we are certainly seeing this in our school community. Finally, although any organisation can never fully please all of its members and stakeholders; we have been very grateful both for the messages of support (and empathy!), and the polite correspondence where things have needed review and adjustment. We will continue to do our best for your children.

We look forward to gradually moving firmly into normal learning; and I hope that you will join us in our virtual celebration of 30 years of being a joint-Church school next Thursday. The link for this special celebration is [here](#).

In the light of recent admissions data revealing that St. Edward's has the highest number of applications per available place of any school in Poole and beyond, we thank-you for choosing us as the best place for your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Antram
Headteacher