



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

29th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having supported our students into and through the various challenges caused by COVID in the past year, our staff are now bringing students back into more normal ways of working, as we seek to climb out and away from the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic. It has been good to see our students moving around the campus again this week, having been able to resume learning in specialist areas.

As students settle back into ways of working, and perhaps expectations that may have become unfamiliar, it is important to emphasise the need for them to be fully compliant with school standards, and staff instructions. In a large community such as ours, rules exist for the good of all, and must be followed by all. Children thrive where there is consistency and stability, and we will secure these as ever with kindness, but not indulgence. As is clear in school policies, we will assume full support from parents and carers in securing our standards, because parents have chosen for their child to be educated here. I am aware, from the waiting lists in most year groups, and the fact that there were more applications per place at St. Edward's than any other school in the area for this September, that there is a high demand for the standards and education that we provide.

Our policies on uniform and behaviour can be found on our website. Please take the time to look in particular at our uniform policy, which includes pictures of our uniform; to avoid expensive mistakes when purchasing items; such as shoes, which are often sold in shops as "school shoes" when they are not.

All of us, in Society as a whole, have been affected by the massive pressures caused by COVID; and the individual families whom we serve may have experienced significant tragedy and hardships. If that is your family, I am so sorry, and please know that we will continue to do our best for your child's future. At St. Edward's we will do our best to sustain an environment where, regardless of what is happening outside of school, whilst they are in school, children know where they stand; and experience support, consistency, boundaries, and high expectations, so that we can get them ready for adult life ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Antram
Headteacher