



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

13th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID update

You will have heard of the recent Government announcements to relax various aspects of current COVID restrictions from the 19th July; and also, initial plans for the return to school in September.

As you know, our summer term ends on Tuesday 20th July at 1.30pm, and so we will be maintaining current COVID arrangements in school until the term ends. We are continuing to do our best to ensure that our students and staff remain safe, and are able to go to their summer breaks without COVID infections. Please can I ask, therefore, that you maintain lateral flow testing at home; and do not send your child to school if they display the following symptoms;

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

We will be writing towards the end of the summer holiday with an update on COVID arrangements in school, and the implementation of the pre-return testing that is currently being signaled. Government guidance may well, of course, have changed by late August.

Please note an adjustment to our school calendar for 2021-22. The DfE have enabled schools to allow an additional day's holiday in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This day will be on July 20th, and so the summer term will end on July 19th, one day earlier than currently advertised.

In the meantime, our summer Newsletter will shortly be with you, full of news of all that has been achieved in our school despite the many challenges of the past year. There is much to celebrate.

May I wish you and your family a wonderful summer ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Antram
Headteacher