

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

I do hope all students and parents have had a restful and enjoyable half term. The sunny weather will have hopefully helped families to enjoy some outside-time together and the phased lifting of lockdown will enable you all to see more people within your family.

Reopening the school for Year 10 and 12 Students from Monday 15th June

The Prime Minister outlined on Sunday 24th May his intention for secondary schools to reopen for some face to face contact for students in Year 10 and 12. We are delighted this is going to begin as, firstly, it gives much needed teaching for students preparing for exams in the summer 2021 and it also is a step towards us welcoming all students back in the school.

We are currently working on plans to give the students the best educational experience, whilst following the Government guidance on minimising risks:

- *minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that pupils or staff who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school*
- *cleaning hands more often than usual - pupils and staff should be encouraged to regularly wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered*
- *ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach*
- *cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach*
- *minimising contact and mixing, as far as possible, by keeping pupils in small groups for face-to-face support and keeping those groups as consistent as possible whilst in school (e.g. for arrival, lunchtime, breaks and departure) and altering the school environment (e.g. changing classroom layouts so desks are further apart or dividing groups into different classrooms)*

As well as the measures above, secondary schools should ensure that only a quarter of pupils in year 10 and year 12 are in school at any one time, including vulnerable children and children of critical workers in those year groups who are still encouraged to attend full-time. This is in addition to vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers who might be in full-time attendance from other year groups.

[The latest Government guidance for Parents and Carers can be found on this link.](#)

I will share with all students and parents how we will achieve this on Friday 5th June, which I hope will give everyone the confidence to return to school. Ahead of the more detailed information to come out next week, I wanted to assure you of a couple of issues I know students and parents have been thinking about:

1. Mobile phones will be allowed in school, to enable students to use the NHS Test and Trace App. The expectation would for the phones to remain on silent, in the student's bag, at all times on the school site unless they are invited to use them by a member of staff.

2. Students will not be in school uniform at this time. Students will be advised to change clothes and shower on returning home each day. In addition some students will have outgrown their uniform during the past few months and will not be able to purchase new uniform at the moment.
3. Students will be taught in the same small group throughout their day at school.

Students attending the school from 1st June (post May half-term)

Key Workers and vulnerable students

If you are the parent or carer of a child who is in the small group of children currently accessing provision at All Hallow Catholic School, please continue to book your child in via the [school website every day](#), for the following day.

Students with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP)

If you are the parent or carer of a child who has an EHCP, you will have received a direct email from Miss Peters, SENDCo, on Monday 18th May regarding provision from 1st June. Please respond to the survey inside the email.

PTA Quiz Night – Friday 29th May

Whatever your family like to do to have fun, you will enjoy the All Hallows PTA online family quiz on 29th May, from 7.30-9pm. Raffle prizes and donations are welcome. [Fill in this form to get joining instructions](#).

Remote Learning

If you haven't done so already, please read Mr Halton's letter about changes to remote learning from the 1st June (rather than searching through emails it can also be found on the school website under 'Coronavirus Newsletters') and watch the [short video](#) explaining these changes with your children.

Virtual assemblies

On Monday 1st June, we will share with all students the first virtual assembly. They will be posted directly onto the tutor pages on MS Teams and will also be available on the school website. They will be recorded, to allow students to watch whenever appropriate. We hope the programme will give the students the opportunity to say a prayer with a familiar face and to hear from some of the staff. Please encourage your child to watch these assemblies to get them into 'school mode' for the week.

I wish all members of the All Hallows Family all the very best as we look ahead to starting another half term. As ever, if the school can be of any assistance to you or your loved ones please do let us know.

Stay Alert, Control the Virus, Save Lives

Yours faithfully



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