

St Monica's R.C. High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we now enter the final week of this most unusual year I again wish to express my most sincere thanks to you for your support, patience and understanding. Over the past few weeks we have received so many messages of thanks, either through the welfare phone calls staff have been making, or emails sent to us. I really do hope that you can see the work that the staff of our school have put in to support the community as a whole.

I shared with you last week the return dates for pupils in September, and this is again included for you below. This phased return will ensure that routines can be modelled and walked through for all pupils:

Thursday, September 3rd and Friday, September 4th - Year 11 and Year 7 pupils return to school only.

Monday, September 7th - Year 11, Year 10 and Year 7 pupils in school only.

Tuesday, September 8th - Year 11, Year 10, Year 9 and Year 7 pupils in school.

Wednesday, September 9th - Year 11, Year 10, Year 9, Year 8 and Year 7 pupils in school.

Over the past week we have been planning carefully for how school will look and operate in September. Next Tuesday I will be meeting with our Executive Board and they will scrutinise our return plan, our return guide for parents and our risk assessment. Once they have agreed to the plans I will then share them with you. I do feel it vital that as parents you have some clarity regarding September operations and expectations before the term officially ends. Our plan will limit movement around the school site, and will look to ensure pupils are in distinct year group bubbles during social times.

We shared with you some weeks ago that the school is now expected to convert to Academy status on August 1st. For pupils this will make no difference to their day to day experience. Our school will still be known as St Monica's RC High School, and uniform will of course remain as it is. When your child returns in September everything will be as it has been. We will of course strive to improve in every way, and it is only right that this is the case. In September we will commence the process, via an election if needed, of appointing two parent governors who will sit on the Local Board of Governors.

To end the academic year, each year group will be having a virtual assembly on their usual assembly day. Pupils will receive an invite through their school email.

If I may ask one small favour from you; I have been humbled by the work done by the staff of St Monica's during these unprecedented times, and I hope you have seen the best version of our school. If you could simply find a way to thank a teacher or a member of staff I know they would be truly grateful. A positive email from a parent is all that is needed to make someone's day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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