



Saint GREGORY'S
Bath

“In Christ we flourish”

15 July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I want to thank you all for your overwhelming support, hard work and patience over the past few months as we have collectively navigated some truly uncharted territory.

There is no question that this has been an extraordinary time for everyone but we have worked together and have risen to the challenge and adapted incredibly to a remote form of learning. The resilience, determination and positivity shown by everyone has been an inspiration and, as a Headteacher, I could not be prouder. I know that I speak for everyone at Saint Gregory's when I say how excited we are to be finally returning to school after so many months away. We have missed all of our students and cannot wait to see them.

It is important that we now share with you our plans for September and a return to school for **all** students **every day**.

The government announcements on 2 July provided an outline of the expectations of schools and, in response to this, we have updated our planning. Whilst some of the information is general for all schools, we have put in place a range of measures specific to Saint Gregory's.

Key changes include:

- Each year group will have their own social bubble with different entrances into school and separate lunch and break times or areas.
- Each year group will also have their own area within the school and, depending on their curriculum needs, will have some or most of their lessons within these areas to minimise movement around the school site.
- **Key Stage 3** students will have the majority of their lessons in their allocated Home Room with specialist teachers coming to them.
- **Key Stage 4** students have, as far as possible, been centralised to the Gateway, Science Block and main building.
- **Sixth form** lessons have been scheduled for additional learning spaces and within the same areas as Key Stage 4 students.
- Additional cleaning will take place within specialist areas throughout the day.
- Timetables will be individual to year groups with some changes to the normal routine of lessons.
- Lunchtimes will be reduced to minimise movement around school and enable additional cleaning to take place between sessions.

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- Older students may be dismissed slightly earlier than the end of the school day to minimise the numbers of students on public transport at any one time.
- Students will be permitted to wear their PE kit for the entire school day when they have timetabled lessons in PE or Dance.
- Sixth form students will attend timetabled lessons and have flexibility to come in for lessons only during Term 1 when they are not required to attend tutor.
- Enhanced hygiene and hand washing measures throughout the school.
- Ensuring safe social distancing between students and staff of 2m and encouraging the 1m+ approach between students when outside of the classroom.

The booklet attached will provide much more detail and further information for all on what a return to school will look like for your child and how we can work together to ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

As you would expect, managing the logistics of our site and ensuring that all students can access a full timetable and curriculum has been an incredible operational process. Whilst we must ensure that all students are kept apart geographically, our overarching aim is to continue to deliver our planned curriculum of lessons and minimise any impacts on our students' education as far as we possibly can.

We know that we cannot return to school life as it once was - at least not for the time-being - so the information provided will set out the planning that we have carried out to allow us all to return safely. Please take the time to sit with your son/daughter to go through the information contained within this document. It is important that you and your child fully appreciate the changes that will take place from September and that we all understand our individual and collective responsibilities to ensure all members of our community remain safe.

All of the following information comes with the caveat that we are still awaiting confirmed official guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) in early August so is still subject to change. I have enclosed a number of links to the DfE's website, providing much more detailed guidance for parents and carers. This information is updated at the same time as the information provided to schools so, as we find out more information, parents and carers can too.

Please note that schools do not receive information in advance of the DfE website updates and so we will communicate with you as soon after as is feasibly possible, allowing us time to review any updated guidance and amend our programme for return accordingly.

I would like to thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the best possible experiences and opportunities for the young people in our care.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family an enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully



Ms A Cusack
Headmistress

