



Sir John Cass's Foundation and Red Coat CofE Secondary School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/carers,

Phased reopening of schools in England

You will by now be aware that the Government has announced a phased reopening of secondary schools in England on Monday 15th June 2020.

This means that students in Year 10 and Year 12 will get some face-to-face time in school from that date. The Government is clear that this is not a return to full timetables but rather to support the virtual schooling which is currently underway.

I am aware you may be concerned about education time that has been 'lost' during the pandemic. I want to reassure you that we will do all we can to ensure that all students make rapid progress when we return. You are all aware of how Academic Review Days operate and it is this model that we will use to offer this 'face-to-face support' recommended by the Government.

You will receive a letter within the next week with the date and time of your child's meeting with a member of teaching staff. We ask that you confirm your child's attendance to this meeting. The meeting will last approximately 40 minutes, and will provide an opportunity to review virtual schooling to date, consider what is going well and work out solutions to any issues which arise.

I want to assure you that we will ensure a safe and hygienic school environment for students and staff. We ask that you do not send your child in for the meeting if they are displaying any coronavirus symptoms, one-to-one virtual meetings can be arranged if necessary.

As a school we will ensure social distancing as much as possible and effective hygiene. We have implemented 2 metre markings throughout the school, and will provide hand sanitiser on entry to the school. We will encourage students to wash their hands with soap and water if required whilst on school premises, and ask that students leave the school premises immediately after their meeting has finished.

Meetings will take place in individual classrooms in the sixth form blocks, and classrooms will be set up with appropriate distancing between the teacher and student. We also have a risk assessment in place which accounts for the regular cleaning and disinfecting of the meeting rooms and the entire school building.

Students are expected to attend their meeting in their full school uniform. Currently Government guidance advises that PPE is not necessary in the school environment.

We are delighted to begin this phased return and believe it is a vital step in supporting students in Years 10 and 12 with their schooling, wellbeing and development. We will continue to focus on our virtual schools for other year groups and will update you on our progress over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Paul Woods
Head Teacher