



# All Hallows RC High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope that this letter finds you all well and in good spirits.

I am writing to provide you with an update of what is happening in all year groups at All Hallows. I thought it was important to share this information with you, regardless of which year group your child is in.

Next week we are excited to welcome back our Year 10s and would like to give you all an idea of the measures we have in place for them. Please find enclosed the letter sent to Year 10 parents/carers detailing these measures and plans. A new Risk Assessment has been written, which can be found on the All Hallows website. I would also like to inform you of the work we have been doing with other year groups as well as the plans we have to support all of our pupils with their online learning.

As you will be aware, the government have asked that Year 10 pupils are provided with some face-to-face contact to support their remote learning from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Year 10 pupils have been prioritised by the government because they are preparing for key examinations next year, and are most at risk of falling behind due to time out of school.

Unfortunately, it is a time of great uncertainty and debate nationally, particularly concerning the wider opening of schools to other year groups in September. It is extremely difficult to predict what might happen. The current rules regarding 2 metre distancing may still be in place, which would require a combination of year group rotation and remote learning. Alternatively, the guidelines may change to enable more students to be present in the building on given days. At present, nobody can be sure with any degree of certainty.

We are, of course, dependent on changes announced by the government. If, for example, they were to allow us to have other year groups in school before the summer ends, we would be eager to arrange for all students to attend individually for a catch up and mentoring session to support our students' wellbeing and learning.

Whatever the future holds, we are currently undertaking a review in order to improve our online teaching and learning provision for all of our pupils. We will keep you updated, as we are anxious to welcome all of our students back to All Hallows as soon as possible.

## **Timetable**

In September, the new Years 8-11 will be following the same timetable as they were following before the March 'shutdown' and with the same teachers (as far as possible). We feel that this will provide the continuity necessary to support their learning and wellbeing. When we are able to welcome the whole school back together again, we will start a new timetable - whether this will be at October half term or Christmas, again we can only speculate.

### **Year 11**

We have continued to set work, marking and feedback to our Y11 students to ensure that they maintain the good habits for study and learning they will need in college and beyond. We have endeavoured to cover the curriculum in preparation for their next steps, particularly in subjects where they are continuing to A level. Our transition/careers team have also kept in touch with the students, keeping them informed of college courses and apprenticeships and guiding their next steps.

I would like to reiterate that when the pandemic is over, we are committed to arranging the usual Y11 celebratory events, such as Presentation Evening and the Prom. We hope that these will be possible so that our wonderful Y11s can enjoy the celebrations that they so richly deserve.

We look forward to seeing them on Results Day, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### **Year 10**

From next week (w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June), we look forward to welcoming back our Year 10 pupils for one morning session in the week. Pupils will have 1-2-1 meetings with a member of staff, an induction on expectations and procedures to ensure safety, as well as guidance and support with their online learning.

Following on from this, Year 10 pupils will be placed into specific groups (or 'bubbles') and given new attendance timetables. Each group will attend once every three days and will have lessons and subject support delivered by their own class teachers. On the days where pupils are not attending school, as per their new timetable, they will continue to be provided online work and support. This arrangement has been planned to last until July 15<sup>th</sup>, but is subject to change, in response to changes in local circumstances.

### **Year 7, 8 and 9**

For the foreseeable future, pupils in Y7, 8 and 9 will continue to learn at home using the online resources and support provided by their teachers. We are in the process of developing this support further to involve more interactive sessions including some 'live' support sessions and videos. In addition, we are currently reviewing which range of activities and resources pupils have most easily been able to access, and which they find most engaging. We will begin to build these into their home learning to ensure they are given the best opportunity to make progress over this difficult period.

Mrs Hobin (Head of Personal Development) has arranged for a 'World of Work' enterprise day for Year 8 pupils, with prizes on offer for each class. This will run on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June via their google classrooms.

Whilst it is unlikely these pupils will return to school before the summer we do plan to offer some 'live' sessions with teachers in order to further enhance the support, both educationally and socially, that we have provided so far.

### **Year 8 options**

Current Year 8s going into Year 9 will, as described above, continue in September with their same timetable and subjects. Next term, we will begin the Options consultation process, ready for when the new timetable is able to commence.

### **Year 6**

For the last 7 weeks, we have been keeping in regular contact with our Year 6 pupils via our weekly Zoom Transition sessions. These sessions have been very well attended by both Year 6 pupils and by All Hallows' Transition staff. A personalised letter has been posted to each Year 6 pupil introducing the transition team, alongside a copy of the pupil transition booklet. There is also a video on the school website that guides pupils through the booklet highlighting differences between primary and secondary school and hopefully answering questions pupils may have.

Year 6 pupils can find a virtual school tour on our All Hallows RC High School website. The transition team are currently planning a Transition Work Pack for Year 6 pupils to complete prior to starting in September. This will be with you very soon. Please keep checking the school website for updated Transition information. You can also contact the Transition team on [transition@allhallowsrc.co.uk](mailto:transition@allhallowsrc.co.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you in person to our All Hallows Family very soon.

### **Coronavirus symptoms**

Please find enclosed a letter from Salford City Council, which describes what you should do if you or your child shows any signs of coronavirus (COVID19).

### **Pupil Support and Wellbeing**

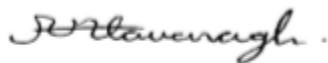
All year groups will continue to receive pastoral wellbeing phone calls and we will remain open every day for the children of key workers and for vulnerable pupils. We will also be continuing with our free school meals voucher deliveries.

Whilst I understand the concerns parents have about pupils missing learning, we have to recognise the added toll this period is having on their wellbeing. Young people cannot learn well if they feel anxious or upset and, therefore, we will continue to prioritise and support them with their wellbeing in the upcoming weeks.

I am very grateful for your support and patience at this time. We will continue to take our next steps together, however cautiously, as the family of All Hallows.

Take care and God bless.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A M Cavanagh