



8 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family have managed to stay safe and well during this time. I want to update you on the educational offer for students at St Helena School.

As you are aware there has been mass media coverage for a long period of time around schools and when and how they should return. The Government has now given clear guidance to school leaders on the year groups they should be prioritising during the reopening phase. This cohort is understandably those who are facing exams next year and have the least amount of time left with us. Therefore, adhering to this guidance students in Year 10 will start to receive some face to face sessions with teachers before the summer holiday.

I am writing to offer you the following reassurance as your child/ren will not be returning to school before September at the earliest:

1. We will continue to engage in setting distance learning activities for all young people in Years 7-9 until 17th July.
2. We will ensure that all students receive all the necessary information for the year ahead so that when they do return they are fully prepared.
3. We will provide an opportunity for any student requiring access to a locker to be able to retrieve their personal belongings before the summer.
4. I will write to you again in the summer when we have received further direction from the Government on what a return looks like for a wider group of students.
5. We will continue to provide a service to those families who are critical workers. However due to the increased demand on our resources I would kindly ask that you book your child/children onto this provision by Wednesday at midday for the following week. This can be done by emailing our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Watson using the following address: s.watson@sthsch.com

I know these are particularly worrying times and essentially some students will have been away from school since the end of March. My team is doing everything they can to ensure we are maintaining some form of learning momentum during these difficult and challenging times. We do not know what the future looks like but we will respond in a measured, proportionate and safe way when instructed to do so.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support.

Keep safe and take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Pierson', written over a light blue grid background.

Fiona Pierson
Headteacher