



Sacred Heart High School

"For the sake of one child, I would have founded the Society"

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Dear Parents and Carers

Arrangements for reopening the school next week

Firstly, thank you for your understanding of the reasons that led to the school being closed this week. We are aware how frustrating and annoying any changes in plans are for your work and domestic arrangements. Unfortunately, all schools nationally are having to react weekly in response to positive testing of pupils and staff and we know of many local schools where head teachers have had to send whole year groups home, with at least three closures of primary schools.

Our aim was to act swiftly to ensure the safety of staff and pupils and have now completed a risk assessment for reopening and have made changes in relation to external adults coming onto our site. We will therefore have a phased reopening ensuring that we have sufficient staff to teach and cover lessons.

Monday 23rd November

Years 11, 12 and 13 will return to school

Y10 have their final Maths examination in the morning and will do this remotely. Tutors will take their registers as they have been doing this week.

(Identified KS3 pupils and Y10 pupils who have been in school this week should also return full time)

Tuesday 24th November

Y10 return to school. Those who are self-isolating can only return when this period ends. There are approximately 65 pupils this applies to.

Thursday 26th November

All of KS3 (Yr 7 – Yr9) return to school.



Having to close the school at such short notice has reaffirmed the importance of following the strict guidelines outlined by the government during this second lockdown. As parents and carers please ensure your daughters are not mixing with people outside their own homes except when at school, wearing their masks to and from school, being particularly careful not to stand close to others and to use sanitisers and wash their hands often. It has come to our attention that a number of pupils are not going straight home at the end of the school day and some are gathering in parks to meet others. The same is happening at weekends. Please ensure you know where your daughters are and who they are with. Having had another confirmed case of a pupil testing positive today demonstrates that this virus is continuing to spread.

Term ends in four weeks and we are looking forward to the beginning of Advent with the light that it brings into our lives. We hope and pray that our community remains safe for our staff and pupils and that the events of this week will not have to be repeated.

If you have any queries please do contact us.

With every good wish and God's blessings



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Head Teacher



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