



21 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students,

I hope you and your families are keeping well and safe.

I would like to update you following the Government's announcement that secondary schools would be looking to welcome on site students in Year 10 to provide, before the summer break, some 'face to face' support for their home learning. The Government has yet to give any guidelines for the return of other students in KS3 and KS4.

There have been many mixed messages in the media since the announcement, so I would like to reassure you that at St Paul's we will always keep the best interests of our students at the heart of any decisions we make.

My first duty and priority as the Principal is the safety of everyone in the school community. The Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday 10th May fell short of the reassurances that would be sought to allay the valid concerns for the safety of staff, students, their families and the wider community.

From the various communications I have received, it is evident that all Professional Associations/Trade Unions and other organisations, including the British Medical Association, calls into question whether the current Government proposal is a feasible scenario, and the scientific basis has still to be widely shared which supports the proposal.

However, we are working on a strategic plan, exploring the logistics and challenges as to how we could accommodate the Government's aim for Year 10 and how this could be carefully managed in a safe and measured way. I want to assure you any plan would have to be supported by a full risk assessment which would respond to the concerns for all those involved.

I will of course keep you informed and consult with you about any plans we have for welcoming your children back to the Academy before the Summer holiday. I would like to remind you that the Academy will remain open for the children of key workers and vulnerable students.

In the meantime, please continue to refer to the revised At Home Learning letter, dated 29th April, a copy of which is also on the Academy website.

If you have any concerns about your child or their At Home Learning, please raise it with your child's tutor during their Keeping in Touch call or e-mail; these concerns will be fed back to other staff as necessary.


Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this difficult time. We continue to remember the Enock family and Divine in our prayers:



Eternal rest, grant unto Divine O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him,
May he rest in peace. Amen.

May Divine's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed
Through the mercy of God
Rest in peace. Amen.

With very best wishes to you and your families,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S". A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature, extending to the right.

Miss S Malone
Principal