



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 12 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

YEAR 10 PARTIAL OPENING

We were told on Monday morning that the Director of Public Health for Lancashire had decided that the 'R' value remained too high in Lancashire and that the 5 tests had not been met. As a consequence, the advice was that schools should not open further on 15 June to Year 10 pupils. Parents of Year 10 pupils were informed of this by me in writing the same day; both by post and via Schoolcomms email. Another assessment will take place this Monday to decide whether we can open to a 25% maximum of Year 10 on Monday, 22 June.

Please be assured that all of the preparation necessary to adhere to the clear safety guidance for school opening has been acted on. Our routines, corridor marking and cleaning processes are all in place and we are ready to go as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

Our online learning continues, and we have numerous pupils who have committed themselves greatly to this work and I commend all of them. Some pupils have had periods where they have struggled and have reached out for help. This has been provided and the majority have managed to 're-set' themselves, using the support ideas given and re-gain their confidence.

We want to get back to running a full school as soon as possible and it is very much my hope that this might be September, but we will have to see. As the Head of our school I am not given any greater insight than any of you as to when full opening will take place. Certainly, it is hard to imagine that full opening could take place while social distancing remains necessary.

CONSOLIDATION AND KEEPING IN TOUCH WEEK

It is our intention to run a second such week following very positive feedback from the first instance. We are aiming to use the week commencing Monday, 29 June. In this week no new work will be set; rather teachers will make contact with families of pupils in their form groups to catch up with them and to try to help with motivational and organisational issues or whatever else is useful at the time. Further details will be sent home.

200 CLUB

It is with regret that we have decided to close the 200 Club with effect from the end of June 2020. This is due to the financial sustainability that is required to maintain the current setup. The final draw will be made this month and winners will be notified. If you have a standing order, please can this be cancelled as we will be closing the bank account associated with the 200 Club at the end of June 2020. We thank you very much for your support and your continued contributions. They have helped in raising valuable funds for the children of the school to aid in their extracurricular activities and to provide those little extras benefiting so many of our pupils.

Very best wishes to you all

Nigel Ranson
Headteacher