



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 10 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We approach the final week of term and a very significant amount of planning work has been taking place within school to make sense of the government expectations and guidance about school opening to all pupils from September. The plans in formation are underpinned by some simple principles:

- Developing a sense of personal responsibility for everyone to help keep our school safe
- Keeping the operation of our school as normal and recognisable as possible
- Getting off to a really positive start in September
- Supporting people who may be struggling

I shall be writing to all of you before the summer break to outline the plans for September. There will be some physical changes to school; some changes in routines and practices; some additional items that each child will be expected to have with them at all times at school (such as a small bottle of sanitizer for personal use only); some restrictions on mixing of pupil groups.

Please be assured that all of these things will be explained fully in two stages:

- Stage One will be what families need to know and have in place for their child in advance of the first day back.
- Stage Two will be the things that are best explained to pupils once we have them in school with us.

I am absolutely convinced that we will come through these challenges in a very strong position. Your help is so important, and I ask all of you to explain to your children that school will be safe, and they will immediately get back into good routines of working. We have seen already with our Year 10 pupils who have been coming into school these past three weeks that they begin learning as if they have never been away. Do not worry about gaps in knowledge and understanding; the aim is to get back in action and we will sort out all other aspects slowly and steadily as the year goes on. In this instance, the positive mind set is also the realistic mind set and between us we will make this work very well.

Thank you for your support

Nigel Ranson
Headteacher

Virtual Land's End to John O'Groats exercise event

The PE department has organised a virtual Land's End to John O'Groats exercise challenge in place of the annual Sports Day which has unfortunately had to be cancelled. All pupils, families and staff have been encouraged to clock up some miles through walking, cycling or running in order to collectively cover the distance of the famous bike ride which is 874 miles. Alongside this we would like to encourage anyone who would like to support the event to donate online to our chosen charity, Toilet Twinning. This charity aims to improve sanitation in areas of the world where fresh, clean water is hard to find. To donate please go to our Just Giving page at the website below. For any other information about the event please contact Mr Newsham.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/our-lady-s-catholic-high-school-preston>