



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Supporting our local community

Last year we designated as a Year of Community for our school; we are continuing this theme this academic year.

Further to my letter on 14<sup>th</sup> September regarding our commitment to supporting the local community, please find some important reminders below. I led a virtual assembly to the whole school recently and reiterated these responsibilities to all students in attendance.

Wherever possible, it is our duty and a vital part of our Catholic mission to reach out and support our local community. During the current pandemic there are a number of ways our students can do this:

- Show consideration by socially distancing on the way to and from school.
- Be considerate to other local residents by ensuring pavements are kept clear to allow others to socially distance.
- Follow government advice on the use of face coverings when entering shops and other enclosed spaces.
- Follow government advice on safer travel on public transport.
- Disperse quickly from the school site and local area at the end of the school day.

We are asking our students to arrive to school as close to their designated start time as possible so as to take pressure off public transport, support with social distancing and to ensure year groups can be kept apart as best we can. However the school will be open to all students from 7:30am as we would prefer our young people to come onto the school site rather than wait around in the local area.

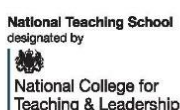
Despite these arrangements we are being made aware of groups of students that are a presence on the High St or in All Saints Church square before and after school- please ensure that your son/daughter is made aware that they must not be a presence on the High St or local area before or after school apart from walking to or from school. School will take the necessary action with individuals that continue to contravene this.

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We will, of course, continue to reiterate these key messages in school and we hope that parents /carers will continue to work in partnership with us in reinforcing these messages at home as well.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Coughlan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr J Coughlan

**Principal**