



St. Cuthbert's
Roman Catholic High School

22nd May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with regard to the recent government announcement pertaining to the gradual reopening of schools.

As you may or may not be aware the Department for Education published a document stating that primary schools will reopen on 1st June 2020 and that from this date '*secondary schools, sixth form, and further education colleges (are) to begin (facilitating) some face to face support with year 10 and 12 pupils, although we do not expect these pupils to return on a full-time basis at this stage*'.

As you can see there is currently no intention on the part of the government to reopen schools for students currently in Years 7, 8 and 9. I appreciate that this is an anxious time for parents and their children but please be reassured that our staff are working hard planning a curriculum that will ensure that any gaps in learning will be addressed when our Year 7,8 and 9 students return to school.

From Monday 1st June, class teachers will no longer be setting work "lesson by lesson." Instead, weekly learning tasks will be set via ClassCharts and these will focus on the key knowledge and skills that students in all year groups require to be successful in each subject area next year. These will be supplemented with streamed lessons to support the weekly tasks set. Further details of these will follow.

When our Year 7,8 and 9 students do return to school, they will be assessed in each subject to allow their teacher to clearly identify any areas which students are secure in and which areas they need further support in. The home learning set from June 1st will prepare your child for this crucial assessment and I ask that you support your child with this as best you can.

Your child has been sent some optional activities to complete over the half term break. Please note these are not compulsory but may be of interest to you son / daughter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely,

Mr D Shields
Headteacher