

**Rationale for opening the St. Nicholas 6th Form @ Canterbury College to Yr 11 and Yr 14 leavers -  
part of the St. Nicholas School Covid-19 Expansion Plan**

Following the Government announcement about the re-opening of schools from 1<sup>st</sup> June we have created the following initial plan. Special schools do not need to abide by the mainstream priorities of re-opening for specified year groups. In consultation with staff, parents and social workers we have identified that those students in years 11-14, who are finishing their education placement at St. Nicholas School, are the highest priority group to return. This will enable these students to prepare for their transitions, discussing and working through any anxieties and able them to so say goodbye to key staff. Based upon our risk assessment, we have planned the following:

- The current 'child care' provision which has been running for those vulnerable learners and those of key workers will continue to do so
- For some of these pupils, this will be absorbed into their classes, alongside some peers
- Pupils will attend on a part-time basis (2 days per week) at our 6<sup>th</sup> Form building, based on-site at Canterbury College. We will ensure that:
  - 1) Numbers do not exceed 4 pupils in a room, in line with other Kent Special Schools
  - 2) Pupils with the most complex needs may have primary care needs or behaviour which can compromise their ability to observe social distancing. The number of pupils within these groups will not exceed 3
  - 3) Sufficient staffing should be in place to ensure the safety of pupils (and staff) and for learning to begin again. This plan operates on the minimum number of adults to allow this, in order to reduce the total number of people in the building at any one time.
  - 4) Sufficient time will be given each week to facilitate deep cleaning
  - 5) We will create group 'bubbles' – of specific staff / students, which will remain together - to minimise the risks of mixing and transmission of the Coronavirus.
- Movement around the building will be limited and arrival /leaving / break times will be staggered to minimise contact and mixing.
- Pupils will be offered a provision of up to 2 days a week, whilst we carefully widen the number of students coming into school
- Pupils accessing the child care provision will continue to attend on their current days
- For those not attending school during this period, parents will continue to be given materials and programmes to support learning at home. There will also be regular contact and catch-up conversations with the class teachers
- Teaching will be based on the recovery of basic learning and life skills, which will incorporate an increase in hygiene routines throughout the school day and need to sanitise their hands e.g. on arrival.
- All staff and pupils will have their temperature taken on throughout the day. Anyone presenting with an elevated temperature will be isolated in the leisure room, be supervised by staff in full PPE and they will be sent home as soon as possible.
- Contact details for parents must be up to date and parents will need to be on call in the event that their child shows symptoms of COVID-19. Parents will need to collect their child immediately and the class will shut with immediate effect. Parents of other children in that class will be informed and they will need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- This provision will be offered up until the 26.06.20, when these students' time at St Nicholas school will end – they will continue to have the opportunity to access home learning opportunities.
- From the week beginning 29.06.20, after careful monitoring and planning, we will look to offer other students within year 11 with significant transitions, a phased part-time registration place, which will then open up schooling at to a wider cohort of students.