



ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are so incredibly proud of our students and all they have accomplished this academic year in very challenging circumstances. As the year draws to a close, we want to say thank you for the overwhelming support that we have received. The situation that we have found ourselves in has not been an easy one to navigate and we feel honoured and proud to work with such a positive and understanding community.

At the time of writing, our hope is to have all of our students back in school and attending lessons from the start of September. We do, however, know that this might be subject to change because of the Covid-19 situation. We, therefore, have contingency plans in place, including the ability to deliver a full timetable of live lessons into your home via Teams if required.

The plans for the start of September are as follows (**please note that these may be subject to change**):

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 1 September	All day	Staff preparation day
Wednesday 2 September <i>Please note we are returning to school before the published East Sussex County Council term dates.</i>	8:40am to 3:05pm 9:30am - 10:30am	Year 7 Transition Event We are excited to welcome our new Year 7 students for a day of familiarisation and transition events. <i>Please could other year groups remain at home.</i> Heads of Years will deliver a 'Welcome Back' message over Teams to all students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 . There will be important information shared during this session, including health and safety notices. All students in these year groups will need to join from home via their Teams Calendars.
Thursday 3 September	8:40am to 3:05pm	Year 7 students come into school to continue with familiarisation and transition events. Year 11 return to school. <i>Please could other year groups remain at home.</i>
Friday 4 September	8:40am to 3:05pm	We look forward to welcoming all students in school

Precautions at school

We understand the concerns that many of you will have about your children returning to school. We are parents ourselves and the health, safety and well-being of the children is our primary consideration. We have comprehensive risk assessments in place and are continuously updating them to reflect the evolving situation. This risk assessment is very detailed, below are a few of the many measures we currently have in place:

- Routine temperature checks
- One-way systems in corridors
- Regular hand washing (we have installed additional hand washing stations across the site)
- Use of sanitiser hand gels, available in every room
- Removal of non-essential doors; propping open of other doors
- Limiting shared resources
- Regular cleaning of surfaces

Covid-19 symptoms

Students should not come into school if they, or any member of their household have any of the Covid-19 symptoms. The symptoms to be aware of are a high temperature; a new and continuous cough; or loss or change to their sense of smell or taste. Students should only return to school once they have been tested and have received a negative result or have followed the self-isolation guidance. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

School uniform

We do ask that all pupils return to school in full school uniform. Please see our website for more detailed guidance on uniform <https://www.stcatherines.college/page/?title=Uniform&pid=34> Our uniform suppliers, Price and Buckland, are offering free delivery on all school uniform orders placed by 12 July 2020. You will need to place your order by the first week of August to ensure that your child's uniform arrives before September. Please visit www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stcatherinescollege to place your order. If you do have any worries or concerns over school uniform, please can we ask that you contact us on admin@stcatherines.college so that we can help you to resolve them before the start of next term.

Being prepared

As students will not be able to share equipment due to the Covid-19 situation, it is important that they arrive each day with all the necessary equipment to learn.

We will confirm any further details around our return to school when we have received additional clarification from the Government. A lot has happened in the last few months and the landscape is still changing rapidly. We fully understand that you may have questions around a number of areas and we will share more information with you as soon as we can.

We hope that you have a peaceful summer and we look forward to welcoming our students back in September. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

Yours faithfully

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