



Dear Parents/Carers and students,

19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## COVID-19

I am sure that many of you will have heard the announcements made by the Government over the last few days on the phased re-opening of schools and will be eager to find out what this means for your child.

The government have outlined that from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 they want secondary schools to:

- Supplement remote education by offering some face-face contact for Year 10 students but do not expect these pupils to return to school on a full-time basis at this stage
- Continue to provide educare provision for the children of key workers and vulnerable children

The government have published a guidance document for parents and carers regarding the reopening of schools from 1<sup>st</sup> June which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Following this announcement we are working hard to plan a safe, phased return for Year 10 students during the second half of the summer term. We are considering many steps to ensure that we will be able to follow government health and safety recommendations and social distancing measures to minimise risk to students and staff when they are on-site. Further guidance from the government is expected in the next few days and we will incorporate this within our planning.

At present, it appears that Years 7, 8 and 9 students are not likely to return to school until September.

We understand that many parents/carers who are keyworkers will be preparing to return to work from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. We will continue to provide an educare service for the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children for the duration of the Summer Term from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. If you require provision for your son on any week day(s) from this date onwards, please email [provision@stbonifaces.com](mailto:provision@stbonifaces.com) by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 including evidence of your key worker status (e.g. photo of I.D badge) and detailing which week day(s) you will require the service. It is important for us to know which students to expect and when so that we can plan appropriate staffing ratios. Thank you in advance for cooperating with our request.

We hope to be able to write to you next week with an outline of our plan for Year 10 students from 1<sup>st</sup> June onwards, as well as detailing how we will continue to support other year groups whose education will remain home-based until the government advise us that it is safe to open to increased numbers of students.

I am currently pleased to be acting Headteacher of St Boniface before taking up the role of Executive Headteacher from September.

Yours sincerely,

*K M White*

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Headteacher

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