

29 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Reopening of School for Year 10 and Year 12

Thank you for your patience while we waited for further information on reopening schools – the government has now published more guidance, and we summarise what we know so far below. To recap, **if** the government thinks it's safe, schools will reopen from 15 June to year 10 and year 12 students.

I'd like to thank you for confirming that your child will be returning to the academy, this information is extremely helpful in our planning the most appropriate provision for you son/daughter. I would strongly recommend you take some time to read the [latest government updates](#) and also the role you perform as parents to best support your child at school.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be finalizing a detailed plan to make sure we can safely welcome these year groups back, if it's safe for us to start the phased reopening of the school then. Precautions we'll be taking include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

The health and safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and parents are of paramount importance. We are doing our best to ensure that your child's experience at school meets their academic and mental health needs, whilst ensuring health and safety expectations are appropriately planned for and adhered to by the entire St Marks family.

Year 10 and year 12 will not be expected to attend school until the 15th June, there will be significant restrictions to students attending and this will again be further clarified in our future correspondence, which we hope will be within the next week.

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

Please be reminded that in the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. Until we're told it's safe to do so, we're unable to provide places for other children.

Principal Lisa Peterkin

We'll keep you updated once we know more about when the school will be able to reopen for other year groups. For pupils at home, we'll continue to support you and your child with home learning, and meal support for those eligible.

I appreciate the challenges of the international pandemic and ask that you continue to take time to stay safe and be well, please feel free to visit our [health & well-being page](#) to support you and your families during these challenging times.

With Love, Hope and Trust

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

Lisa Peterkin
Principal