



3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Coronavirus update 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Thank you for your continued support during the Covid-19 crisis and all the good wishes we have received from you over this time. As we approach the end of term and the beginning of the Summer break, I would like to let you know about our plans to further support our students in their learning.

Following the Government and DFE guidance released yesterday, I am pleased to inform you that school will re-open in September to **all pupils from all year groups**. As you can imagine there now needs to be a great deal of planning and organisation to ensure our students and staff are as safe as possible when they return in September. I will be writing to you again in the coming weeks to provide you with further information.

Subject teachers will be setting Summer projects for students to complete, all information will be provided on Show My Homework. These are optional for the current Years 7 to 9 but compulsory for the current Year 10. We ask that all completed work is brought in when we return to school in September or is submitted via Show My Homework. Subject teachers will be going through this work in the first lessons in September.

As a school, we are very conscious of both the curriculum time and subject content missed since March. It is our aim that no student is disadvantaged by missed contact time with staff. All Faculty leaders, therefore, are currently creating recovery curricula for September. These will further support students in their learning allowing staff to identify gaps and develop intervention strategies where appropriate.

Many of you will also have seen the Government announcement in the news about funding for a catch-up programme. This will be developed in September once we have more information about the funding and know more about the Government guidelines around this. We will of course update you as soon as the catch-up programme is ready.

As stated in my letter of 5<sup>th</sup> June, unfortunately circumstances may have changed for a number of families during the Covid-19 crisis. For instance, parents/carers may have been furloughed or lost their jobs in which case you may now be eligible for Free School Meals. St James' has been providing vouchers to our families who are eligible for Free School Meals since the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please do contact our School Business Manager if you require any further information or if you would like to view the qualifying criteria please visit the web link: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Since March, we have remained open for our keyworker and vulnerable children including during the holidays, we will however be closing school to all pupils from 12.15pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July which is the end of the Summer term.

Mrs Pickles has written to our Year 11 parents separately with key information regarding results day.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful Summer and we look forward to seeing all our young people again in September.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex  
Headteacher