



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent and Carers

On Sunday 10 May, the Prime Minister announced that the Government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased approach to reopening schools from Monday 1 June, starting with children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, then progressing to Year 10 and Year 12. This is a part of the Government's conditional plan, which will remain under regular review. It is important that we communicate with you to let you know of our plans, once they are developed and in order to answer the many questions you may have.

It is important to note that schools are currently legally closed and only open to provide childcare for the children of critical workers, i.e. those children that have already been attending school so that their parents can provide frontline services, and vulnerable children. This will continue over the half-term week. We know that many of you will also have the pressures of your own return to work and managing childcare but ask for your understanding and support as we continue to prioritise these key groups. The safest place for children, at the current time, is still at home.

During our planning for how we should open and operate once again, you can rest assured we will continue to have the highest regard for your child's health and safety. We are working with Trust leaders and local authority representatives to develop the most sensible and workable solutions. In the meantime, we ask for your cooperation, patience and support.

We will endeavour to keep you informed of developments as soon as possible; particularly parents of those pupils in Year 10 (and Year 12 where applicable), who will be returning to school first. Our current thinking is that we are working towards a partial, part-time opening for year 10s from the 15<sup>th</sup> June. The government has said that they will release further scientific information on the 28<sup>th</sup> May, so things may change prior to the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our home learning resources will continue whilst we are in a transition to be fully open; again we know that for those year groups not yet mentioned by the Government for a planned return to school, this will be frustrating and we will do all we can to provide high-quality work. We will continue to put your child's interests first in our decision making and enact the national guidance the very best we can.

I am proud of the quality and the creativity of work shown so far by our students and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring that our students continue to do their work. We have decided not to set work over the half-term week to allow students to spend some quality time with their families.

Thank you for your continued support; as always, should you need to contact us then please do so.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher