



Ellesmere

A 7 – 18 Coeducational School

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Dear Parent,

I hope you are safe and well. I am sure you are following the government updates and I thought I should write to clarify on the recent school guidance published.

We are making arrangements for Year 6 to return, implementing additional measures to maintain social distancing and putting in place other adaptations we must make. The recent government announcement that schools who have not been in contact with their pupils in Years 10 and 12 should arrange to meet with them before term ends does not apply to us. We have continued teaching through the term, therefore contact has been maintained. These arrangements are for state schools who have not been able to set up online teaching in the way we have.

The online teaching will continue for the rest of this term and we will continue to monitor and follow the government guidance. Teachers are writing reports as we normally would do this second half of term and they will be with you at the end of term. I must take this opportunity to say that the majority of pupils have been impressive in the way they have adjusted to this new way of working. I appreciate that there is the fear they may fall behind but I can reassure you that very few are in this position and for those few who have struggled we have adjusted their curriculum to help them cope. As I said in my letter at the end of last term, please let your child's tutor know if you have concerns – there is no problem we can't resolve if we communicate so do talk to us if you feel your child is not coping.

However, as I have said, the majority of pupils are working well and they are not behind where they should be at this point; in fact most are ahead of things as they do not have their other commitments to juggle alongside their studies and their teachers report to me that they are further through the syllabus than they normally would be at this point. I hope that reassures you as they move forward into their exam year this September.

Regards,

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