

Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust

CEO: Mr T B Tapping

Date: 4 June 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

I hope that you and your families continue to be safe and well.

Directors of Bishop Chadwick met on the 2 June 2020 to consider the date from which, given the current situation, it will be safe to allow students from the Year 10 and Year 12 in our secondary schools to have some face-to-face provision. In our primary schools, consideration has been given to whether we are able to open for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Your school will directly confirm details regarding the increased provision it is going to be able to offer.

In reaching a decision regarding wider school opening, the key consideration has been the safety of our students and staff, and the communities they serve. Your Headteacher and governors have carefully considered how to enable this process of wider opening to take place, completing detailed risk assessments and developing protocols to mitigate risk.

It is impossible to eliminate all risks, but we believe the procedures we are putting in place enable our schools to be as safe as is possible in the current circumstances. Some of the risks we have considered are outside of the control of the trust / individual school e.g. infection rates in the region / local area which the school serves.

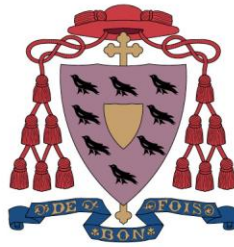
Your Headteacher and governors have recommended that we intend to open the school your son, or daughter attends on the 15 June 2020.

Individual schools will be sharing the precise details with you about this increase in provision. When students return to school, their experience on arrival will be very different to that in March prior to lockdown. It is important that both you and your child read carefully / you explain to your child the information you receive from school. We want everyone to be aware of how to safely travel to school, what the physical space will look like, and how your child will be expected to behave on their return.

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Please rest assured, that whilst it is currently our intention to increase the number of students for whom attendance at school is possible from the 15 June 2020, we will be assessing regular guidance updates, as information is emerging constantly to inform us as to whether or not it remains safe for our schools to offer an increased provision.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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