

The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The current sunshine is lifting spirits as well as temperatures as we start a new half term. Schools have remained firmly in the news this last week as the Prime Minister, last Thursday night, set out his assessment that each of the five tests are being met to enable schools to open more widely. As such, from 15th June, secondary schools can begin to provide some face-to-face contact time for years 10 and 12. The slides to accompany the press conference are available [here](#). In common with other Cheshire West secondary schools we will now firm up plans to safely welcome staff and then some students as June progresses.

This gradual change will be welcomed by many and there is a great deal of advice to support families navigate the coming weeks, from [wellbeing information](#) to social distancing advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-guidance-for-young-people/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-guidance-for-young-people>

This week Health and Safety planning is underway, and the stocks of hand sanitizer and cleaning products needed are being delivered. Our Key Worker and Vulnerable student childcare will continue throughout this term.

Next week each member of staff will undertake training, learning spaces will be prepared and practicalities such as signage/floor markings/sanitiser dispensers installed

From Monday June 15th we plan to invite and welcome a **Year 12** form to their allocated weekly day.

From Monday June 22nd a **Year 10** form group will be welcomed to their allocated weekly day.

Individual year groups will be contacted next week with details and we will work to ensure that this transition is as smooth and as safe as possible and that it follows all Government advice. Our site provides the opportunity to operate as mini schools as well as continue online learning and online caring - four schools in effect. There is additional transport information available through our website and although we must register the groups expected to attend there are presently no fines or follow up actions proposed. I understand that it may be difficult to attend on allocated days. We will ensure that risk is minimised and the children welcomed, but attendance will be a decision for parents and carers.

Students in **Years 7, 8 and 9**. Despite the gradual adjusting of national lockdown arrangements, there are no plans for the return of students in Years 7, 8 or 9 until September. Our Learning from Home timetable is published on our website and teachers will continue to set and support learning via Show My Homework. Thank you in advance for the support you provide with this, students (and certainly their parents) should continue to feel proud of all the learning that they have been able to complete at home.

As learning from home is set to continue if you or your child have any technical regarding Show My Homework click the Live Chat icon on the bottom right-hand screen and you can speak to someone directly. Parents, if you are not logged in, access it here: <https://help.showmyhomework.co.uk/ContactUs>



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Reflection – yesterday the church calendar marked Pentecost

On the Day of Pentecost, God sent His
Holy Spirit, as Helper and Comforter,
And enabled the disciples to proclaim –
In different languages – the wonders of
God so that people from all nations could
Understand

This shows us that the Spirit of God is
Present for every situation. When we share
Our faith with others, we can ask the
Spirit to help us “translate” the good news of
God’s love so that they can understand how
It affects them in their situation.

Working together, our aim is to be careful and measured as we approach the practical changes which will be necessary.

With best wishes for the half term ahead, Ian