

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY



21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write to you to explain and describe some of the plans the school Heads and Principals have put into place for your children in the coming weeks. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continuing support during these unprecedented times, demonstrated by the many positive emails that the schools have received, your commitment to home schooling and the engagement with the schools and especially the school leadership.

We are aware through weekly meetings with all the MAC leaders that staff from all the school sites have stepped up in the way that we would have expected. We fully appreciate that the provision provided by the schools isn't comparable to what would normally be received.

We have throughout this crisis followed the government advice. That will continue in terms of prioritising the return of the nationally designated year groups pupils. 3 tier systems have been explicitly requested to follow these requirements.

From **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of June**, First and Middle schools will be delivering a provision for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in school, but it will not necessarily match and should not match the curriculum and provision that would normally be in place. The National Curriculum has been suspended as have OFSTED inspections. The school will focus on supporting and building on the work pupils have done at home; managing emotions and the level of change we all have experienced; working outside safely where possible and building relationships and preparing for next year.

Schools will be using the week after half term week commencing the 1st June to.

- Train staff in new ways of working
- Train and practice new school systems
- Change building layouts
- Have all necessary stocks in school
- Review risk assessments
- Account for possible key changes in policy, especially the announcements on the 28<sup>th</sup> May

The offer by the High school to have some face to face support for year 10 and 12 pupils requires careful planning and delivery and similar preparation and evaluation. We feel that this face to face provision can also be delivered from the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

We would like to point out that all our schools will continue to support all children working at home and the critical worker and vulnerable children still in school.

We would hope, like us, you would appreciate the outstanding efforts and commitment displayed by our teams across the multi academy.

Please be aware that national guidance and the position of the various education bodies and unions are being constantly reviewed. Accordingly, it maybe that our current plans need to change should the current guidance be changed prior to our return date.

With thanks for your continuing support to our school community.

***The Directors of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic MAC***