



# MARICOURT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

I hope you and your families are all safe and well. Teachers continue to set remote learning tasks for all of our students and we thank you once again for your efforts in supporting the completion of this work at home. Students in Year 12 should be following their normal school timetable and completing the work set by their teachers. In a typical school day, it is likely that students in Year 12 would have on average 3 lessons a day, so students are reminded that the remaining time of the school day should be dedicated to independent study as it would be in school, including additional reading and research. Students have also been sent materials from 'Shaping Futures' to support them with careers and progression. A UCAS presentation has been sent out for parents/carers and students so please watch this to help support your child with the UCAS process. We are aware that some Sixth Form students have part time jobs and they are working in businesses that remain open during this time; students should only be working a limited amount of hours outside of their normal school day hours.

For students in Year 11 who have applied for Sixth Form, transition work has been sent via Microsoft Teams so they should be accessing this to help them with their transition into Sixth Form. If your child has not already applied for Maricourt Sixth Form, we do still have some places available and they can contact Mrs Mills via email to apply with their subject choices [millsje@maricourt.net](mailto:millsje@maricourt.net). Further information about subjects and entry requirements can be found on the Sixth Form Prospectus page of the school website.

There is helpful information on our school website in the 'Pupil Wellbeing' section for both students and parents from The National Careers Service. This support is available for:

- Furloughed workers (including Self Employed in receipt of Income Support Scheme)
- Pupils whose examinations have been cancelled National Careers Service advisers can disseminate information provided by Ofqual, offer support, encouragement and inspiration to students who will be concerned about their future.
- Parents / Carers seeking careers information related to the pupil they are responsible for.

You will be aware that the Department for Education has issued guidance this week which indicates that secondary schools and sixth forms will be asked to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of students in year 10 and 12. The guidance states that this phased reopening of schools will occur at the earliest week commencing 1 June. There are different proposals in place for both the secondary and primary sectors and at this stage all of this could change if COVID 19 infection rates were to rise or fall faster than anticipated.

Currently, the school is open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers, who will continue to attend during any phased reopening.

The school is acting on government guidance to support a phased reopening of the school, with our guiding principle to safeguard the health and safety of students and staff at the forefront of our plans and comprehensive risk assessments. We will continue to share with you more information and guidance as it becomes available.

The government have published guidance for parents who may need further clarification before their child's return to school. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/>

Students and staff who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should continue to shield and are not to attend school. Students who live in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding may attend as long as stringent social distancing is observed at all times.

I will be in touch in due course with further details of the phased reopening of the school but if, in the meantime, you have any questions, please contact [maricourt@maricourt.net](mailto:maricourt@maricourt.net)

Please stay safe and if we can assist in any way at this time please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

J Mangan

Headteacher