

# All Hallows Catholic High School



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Headteacher: Mr C Horrocks B.A.

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to give you a further update on the school's plan to open more widely to Year 10 pupils. Firstly, I would like to thank you for completing the survey we sent to you last week to indicate your preference for sending your child to school for face to face sessions to support learning which, predominantly, will continue to be provided online. The forty-two pupils whose parents have elected not to allow attendance at school before September will continue their studies entirely by remote means.

When I wrote to you early last week the school was busily creating a safe and secure environment into which we were expecting to welcome Year 10 pupils from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. During last week we also consulted with both staff and governors on our plans to accommodate up to one quarter of the Year 10 cohort each day. It was my intention today, to issue parents and pupils with the detailed proposals for wider opening and for the school community to use the rest of the week to prepare fully for Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>. However, we have received guidance today from Lancashire Authority's Chief Medical Officer, which informs schools Lancashire wide, following his review of the local picture for Lancashire, that schools should not open to more pupils on Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>.

In the expert opinion of the Chief Medical Officer, two of the five targets set by Central Government to allow the relaxation of lockdown measures, have not yet been met in Lancashire. Therefore, schools are guided at this moment in time to continue to open solely for the children of key workers. He will carry out a further review on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June and will issue further advice on that day regarding the possibility of wider opening on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The school, and its Governing Board, believe that it would be very unwise to act against advice from the Local Authority and as such the school will not be opening to Year 10 pupils on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Following the review on that day, I hope to be able to issue plans to parents with regard to a rescheduled opening to Year 10 pupils who wish to attend starting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

As the contents of this latest letter to you demonstrate, the picture remains complex and uncertain and is subject to rapid change. I imagine that a further delay to the return of Year 10 pupils will be frustrating for some parents, but I trust that you will understand that the school continues to act in good faith and to keep the health and safety of all in the school community firmly at the forefront of all the decisions taken.

I look forward to writing to you in good time with some more positive news.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Horrocks  
Headteacher



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