

8th June 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you are all well. As measures are beginning to be lifted I hope it has given you the chance to see relatives you may not have been able to see for a while. It is still an incredibly challenging time for our students and parents. We are thinking of you all and have every sympathy for the stress this may/may not be causing your children not being able to socialise with their peers and not having the structured routine and familiar face of their teachers on a daily basis. I take comfort that we must focus on that fact that our safety comes first and therefore follow the guidance. Please see below a summary of updates:

Year 10 Face-to-Face Support

We can confirm that this will start next week Monday 15th June, 10-2:30pm. Year 10 parents, a letter has been posted 2nd class to you today confirming which band and group your son/daughter is in and therefore which day they can, if you choose, to attend school each week. Specific details are enclosed in the letter but if you have any questions please get in touch with myself or Mr Shelley at cshelley@stgcc.co.uk . If you do use public transport you must wear a face mask. I have enclosed with the letter FAQ's and answers. It is your choice if you send your son/daughter in and we will respect whatever choice you make. The most important point is that students and staff are as safe as they can be and we will remain committed to ensure we follow the guidance to support all students. Therefore, if your son/daughter have coronavirus symptoms or have someone in their household who does they should not attend school. A gentle reminder – it is non-uniform and that pupils should arrive by either car, bike or walk but not on public transport. We have produced a walk-through video for Year 10 students which illustrates their journey into their classroom and their departure. This can be seen at:

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/page/?title=Year+10+Homework+and+Study&pid=44>

Our Intention is that this timetable will continue until the end of the summer term subject to any announcement from the Government.

Risk Assessment & Staff Training

In light of the guidance from the Government, we are constantly reviewing and updating our risk assessment. For your information a copy of this can be seen on our website at:

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/page/?title=Covid19+%2FSt+George&pid=253>

All staff have attended training this week on our procedures and protocols, our risk assessment and how we all manage social distancing on site during the COVID 19 crisis.

Years 7-9

Despite home learning now being in its seventh week, we have been really impressed with the commitment of our students to their work and the quality that we have seen. Now we know we are not back until September, staff have spent some time this week attending training on sharing best practice when delivering remote teaching and we hope this will aid your son/daughter moving forward with lessons in the future. I am grateful for the time teachers are putting into deliver effective support through MS Teams. We are aware one size does not fit all students but if you or your son/daughter are not sure what to do or do not understand please email them or ask on MS Teams. I would urge students to keep up the good work, but please maintain your commitment to MS Teams and attend lessons and complete tasks. If you have any concerns please get in touch with myself or your progress leader or tutor.

We will be posting out awards for this term in the last few weeks from your teachers instead of a reward assembly to reflect the work and commitment shown to your home leaning.

Online Safety

Your children will be spending a large amount of time online and we are conscious of the risks that this presents. Therefore, please can I signpost a link to guidance on online safety. It's at the bottom of the page at the following link on our website:

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/page/?title=Health+and+Safeguarding&pid=38>

All pupils have all been e-mailed a PowerPoint presentation on this from Mr Walford last week. Over the course of the year pupils in year 7 & 8 have covered this in their ICT lessons.

Tutor Calls

Last round of tutor calls took place last week. Tutors will next be calling week commencing Monday 15th June and week commencing Monday 13th July 2020. Please be aware tutors will not be calling between these weeks because we will be completing phone calls to Year 7 parents instead of the postponed parents' evening.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

If you are struggling at home with the loss of routine and the amount of work or lack of social interaction with your school peers, please click on the link below for expert advice and guidance to get you through this challenging time. **There are quarantine activities now on the following page to help cope with the additional stress you may be feeling at the moment.**

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/page/?title=Student+Help+and+Advice&pid=233>

Safeguarding - Pupils

staysafe@stgcc.co.uk

This email address is available **only for pupils** if you are feeling concerned for your safety, wellbeing or anxiety which is affecting your ability to function as you normally would. This will be looked at daily. For parents, the email address will be emailed to all students via their school email accounts.

Year 7 Parents

Miss Provenzano has written to you all with a link to complete your online request form for a call back from your son/daughter's subject teachers before the end of term. If you have any questions please contact her on gprovenzano@stgcc.co.uk

Transition: Year 6-7

Our transition plans are moving at a pace and I am hugely grateful for Miss Cecil, Miss Provenzano and Ms Lefevre for their hard work on this. We are currently arranging remote meetings with primary schools and we will shortly be writing to parents to confirm what tutor group their son/daughter is in. Year 7 Tutors will be contacting all new Year 7 parents by phone before the end of term. More information, transition packs, a video tour of the site and additional information from key staff is available now on our transition page on the website:

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=22>

Finally, please stay safe, follow the guidance by the government, and look after each other. We will continue to keep in touch.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Habberley
Headteacher