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Dear Parents/Carers

22nd May 2020

VIRTUAL SCHOOL AND INSET DAY 1st and 2nd June 2020

I hope you are well. You will have heard much in the press about the possible physical return to school of Year 10 and 12 students. At St Aloysius College, we have been proactive in ensuring that your child is well provided for through the virtual school and we will continue to work on this. I was also grateful for the feedback on this. We will continue to provide what we feel is effective provision given the circumstances, this includes face-to-face teaching for Year 12 and the use of virtual platforms, supplemented by physical resources for other year groups. This week we will be organising the purchase of additional CGP booklets for the remaining subjects. I hope that you have found the welfare and engagement phone calls of value.

It has been good to get feedback from students, staff and parents/carers about our provision and any other suggestions are warmly invited. As part of that feedback, parents/carers and students have asked for more face-to-face contact and we are working on this. To further assist this process, we have made laptops available for those students that have made us aware that they do not have these resources at home.

The school is not intending to provide access to school during the May half term for vulnerable students and children of key workers. If this presents a challenge to you, please let the school know via enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk and we will seek to source provision at another local provider. The Government have not yet offered clarification of Free School Meals during this period and further advice will be provided this week. If there is financial hardship, which requires support during the half term, it would be helpful to have some feedback on this prior to the half term so that arrangements can be made.

On the 1st and 2nd June, staff will be involved in INSET and work will not be set on these two days. The school is not open to students on these days. Your child should continue to work on the work that has already been set for them.

We are presently embarking on a risk assessment to ensure that both staff and students are safe on site with social distancing, safeguarding and health and safety assessments put in place. Any expanded return to school will be agreed with Governors in a planned and measured way, included discussion with the relevant year group parents/carers, Islington and Unions, as well as following Government guidelines. It will be subject to compliance with risk assessments and with the amended school's Behaviour Policy, a copy of which is attached for your information. I will write to you after half term about the arrangements for Year 10 and 12 when there is greater clarity. I thank you for your feedback to date. There is no intention for Years 7-9 to return this term at present but I do hope that all will benefit from greater remote face to face teaching.

I thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely

J. Heffernan

Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

