



# St Cuthbert Mayne School

Joint Catholic and Church of England 11-18 Comprehensive School Dioceses of Plymouth and Exeter

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Dear Parent,

As you are aware the government has announced their ambition for the wider opening of secondary schools for years 10 and 12, to take effect before the end of the summer term. Yesterday a full governing board meeting took place in order to discuss the situation that we now find ourselves in. We can assure you that we have seriously considered all guidance from the Local Authority, Department for Education, and various different unions. After much discussion we have unanimously decided that the school will not open to Yrs 10 and 12 until there is clear government guidance available, and accurate evidence that it is safe to do so. The safety and welfare of our students, families, and staff is paramount to the school.

We are proud that St Cuthbert Mayne School has led the way for some time with an established and comprehensive digital learning strategy, which has allowed our students to successfully access their learning from home, with the support from our high quality teaching staff. Mr Down has confirmed that the vast majority of students have engaged well with digital learning from home during these times, and we would expect this to continue until we are confident that it is safe enough for staff and students to return to school on a wider scale. We will continue to provide work packs to the small number of students who are unable to access work online, in order to support their learning. No student will be disadvantaged because they do not have access to the internet. The school will remain open as it has done throughout this period of lockdown for the children of critical workers and those children who are vulnerable.

We understand that all of the uncertainty and conflicting advice during these times can be worrying and confusing. We therefore welcome any parents to contact the school office via [admin@stcm.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcm.torbay.sch.uk) if you have any concerns or questions that you would like us to consider with reference to your specific circumstances regarding this situation.

This has been a difficult decision to make, as the learning and development of our students is always a top priority for the school, however we are confident that the students have enough support in place to enable them to continue to learn effectively from home until there is enough evidence to support their safe return to school.

We thank you for your fantastic support during these unprecedented times, and hope that you understand the reason for our decision.

Yours sincerely,

The Governing Body of St Cuthbert Mayne School



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