



# St Cuthbert Mayne School

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family are remaining safe and well during these uncertain times?

Last weekend the Government released an update, which shared their plans for the wider reopening of schools from the 1<sup>st</sup> June. You will have heard that the main target of the Government is that sometime from 1<sup>st</sup> June, there will be a phased reopening of primary schools. For secondary schools it was proposed that students preparing to sit exams in the summer of 2021 would have some time with their teachers before the summer holidays.

Late on Monday evening further updates were given to schools. These further updates asked secondary schools and sixth forms to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 students, alongside the full time provision they are offering to vulnerable students and those children of critical workers. It is important to note that this does not mean that students in Year 10 and Year 12 will return to full time education before September. It also does not mean that these students will be in school on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

The priority throughout the Coronavirus pandemic has been the health, safety and well-being of all our staff and students. This will continue to be the case as we consider the plans to safely open up the school for more children. However we will only do this when it is safe to. We are working in partnership with the Local Authority, Human Resources and Trade Unions to inform any plans we make. We will share more details about the plans we have in place next week. We expect a decision from the Government on 28<sup>th</sup> May as to whether schools will actually begin a wider opening on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June was only given as a provisional date if the Government is satisfied that its tests have been met.

The update from the Government also indicates that it is highly unlikely that we will see students in Years 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13 return to school before the summer holidays. Our teams are currently reviewing how we will continue to support remote learning for these year groups and safeguard children during this time.

Please can I thank you all for your continued support and patience as we navigate our way through these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J. Down  
Headteacher

