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## ST JOHN'S MARLBOROUGH – COVID 19

Dear Parents and Carers

All of us at St John's continue to hope that you and your families are all safe and well. On reaching the end of week 2 in term 5, it is time for me to reflect on the previous week and speculate a little on what changes might be coming from Central Government. The lockdown appears to have reached a point now that plans are going to be shared soon about how we might begin to see society come back together. Like you, I am following intently every single mention given as to how this could affect schools returning. We have no more real substance than you do at the moment on this issue, but I am keenly aware that as more time passes, this needs to be addressed as quickly as possible.

I would like to draw your attention to the following developments and points which are relevant to us just now.

- By now, nearly every family has been contacted by the team of volunteers and this has provided a great source of feedback to us. Some of you will be receiving follow up calls from the school so that we can check progress on various issues relevant to you and your family. We will repeat this exercise in due course too, but you must contact us through all the various methods if you are worried about anything at all. I will refer to the sources of information available to you again at the end of this letter.
- Feedback to the home-learning continues to come to us and we will seek to obtain views by way of a survey in due course. Year 10 and 12 are to prepare for exams in May. As of next week, we will be encouraging students in Year 10 to revise so they won't be required to learn new content in preparation for their exams. The important thing in all of this is not to add stress and anxiety upon your children, so you must get in touch with us if you have concerns. We always try to make a priority of responding quickly.
- Transition is very much underway now so if you have a child in Year 6, you should be receiving shortly all the relevant transition material. Similarly, Year 11 in to 12 should be well on their way with their preparation for post-16 study work too. We do hope to have transition events of some sort in term 6, and we will notify you in due course about how these are likely to work.
- **We will close as a school on the two Bank Holidays coming up in May.**

This letter feels a little briefer than normal and I do hope that sooner rather than later I will be able to write to you with concrete plans as to how we might move towards St John's re-opening in some form. We want to be able to give you the confidence you need to be able to send your son or daughter back to school and we will work very closely with whatever decisions are made from Central Government.

In the meantime, please do continue to stay engaged with us and we appreciate hearing from you through the [covid-19@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:covid-19@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk) email. We also continue to keep up to date our dedicated area on the school website which can be found at: <https://www.stjohns.excalibur.org.uk/latest-covid-19-information/>. The Twitter feed continues to be a very useful way of staying in touch with what St John's are doing in the community, so please follow that and re-tweet if you wish.

With kindest regards

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Principal

