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## ST JOHN'S MARLBOROUGH – COVID 19

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well. This letter feels as though it will be a little brief in terms of new developments, but I am hoping that there will be greater depth next week when we hear more from GOV-UK regarding the lessening of the current lockdown principles. A great deal of speculation exists just now about what this could mean for schools and I am reluctant to comment at this stage. I can say that we are hoping there will be a decision that enables school to function as normally as possible as soon as possible. All the staff at St John's are desperate to be able to resume and we are all too aware of how critical the decisions around school openings are to the wellbeing of young people, and to the unlocking of the economy more generally. As soon as we have something to work with, we will be directly in touch; hopefully that will be very soon.

Thank you for all the feedback that you have given us regarding the remote learning. We are seeking to develop the online live and video offer and it is hoped that the planned assemblies for the students next week, will be a chance for more interaction to be developed for them all. You are very welcome to join the assemblies too if that suits you and we hope to have as much information to share with the students as possible. Here is a reminder of the timings:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 at 2:00pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 at 9:00am, Year 8 at 10:30am and Year 9 at 11:30am

We will be running assemblies for Years 11, 12 and 13 but these times are yet to be confirmed.

Once again, I would like to publicly thank 'Waitrose' in Marlborough who have continued throughout this difficult time to support the Academy, by providing all the food for the students at no cost. This has been an extremely generous offer and one that has been hugely appreciated by the students.

You will be aware that we are going to be closed for the VE Day Bank Holiday tomorrow, and also the Bank Holiday on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. We anticipate being open for our targeted students throughout the half term break as things stand, but this may change depending on announcements from Central Government. One thing that we will be making clear is that no additional work will be being set daily for students throughout the half term break (25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May). They have all been working so very hard and we feel strongly that they will either have enough to carry over or that they may well want to take a break.

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

**Ian Tucker**  
Principal

