



Saint Felix School

Headmaster: Mr James Harrison BA (Hons)

3rd September 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

I do hope, despite, the very difficult global situation that Covid-19 has caused, that you have found some relaxing time to spend with your family and friends during the last few months.

All the Residential staff are really looking forward to this weekend and welcoming our Boarders back. However, inevitably, there has been some changes made to the way boarding is structured, both to reflect the number of boarders that are returning to school and the extra measures we have put in place to keep your children healthy. The two boarding houses known as Somerville and Gardiner, will be open as one large house, with all the boys from Years 7 to Year 13 on the Gardiner side and all the girls as last year, living and sleeping on the Somerville side.

Most of our International Boarders that needed fourteen days quarantine have already arrived, and will have finished their quarantine before the start of term. However, we will have about five International Boarders that will arrive late and there is a self-isolation procedure in place in line with all the Government guidelines for those students.

A deep clean of the House has taken place, all bedding, mattress covers and pillows have been washed and there are extra sanitising stations at the entrance and exits of the building, that all the boarders will be continually reminded to use at all times.

We are very mindful that we want the returning Boarders to come back and experience their usual routines.

The Junior Boarders (Year 7-9) students will continue to have their evening schedule at different times and we have now introduced an activity slot for them, between 6.00pm and 7.00pm, with Prep/quiet reading time afterwards

The Senior Boarders (Years 10-13) will have supper at 6.00pm and start Prep in their rooms at 7.00pm.

Breakfast and evening meals will be taken in the dining room.

There is a weekend activity programme in place, at the moment only until half term, we have predominantly chosen outdoor activities where social distancing can be observed, we are still allowing the students to walk in to Southwold at the weekends, so please could you make sure your son/daughter returns with a face mask.

We will continue to review the Government guidelines and choose the activities for after half term accordingly.

Arrival for all Boarders on Sunday will be via the entrance door to Gardiner House, but, please do not send your son/daughter back to the Boarding House if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Please arrive after 4.00pm on Sunday and there is an evening meal planned for 6.30pm.

On arrival, please would everyone sanitise their hands, the boarding students' temperature will be taken and then a member of staff will escort the boarder to their room and help them to unpack.

Unfortunately, Parents will not be able to go into the Boarding House and all good-byes must be said in the entrance hall.

I understand, this might be a difficult situation and saying good bye to your children that have been with you for the last five months could be quite emotional.

However, I want to assure you, we have very experienced team of Residential staff who work consistently to support your children whilst living away from home in the boarding house.

We are really looking forward to the houses being lived in again and if you require any further information please contact myself (gnash@stfelix.co.uk) or Mr Grimmer (agrimmer@stfelix.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gaye Nash". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gaye Nash
Somerville Housemistress