



# Saint Felix School

Headmaster: Mr James Harrison BA (Hons)

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

It has been lovely to see the Year 7 to Year 10 students in school today, albeit in very different circumstances. The testing centre has been busy and the students very mature in their approach. Thank you for your support in the testing today.

We are looking forward to the return of all students on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 8.35am and I just want to clarify procedures. There will be no buses running on Monday morning, but these will resume as normal at the end of the school day.

Your child should come prepared for a full school day as per their timetable from September 2020. They should be in full school uniform and ensure that they have a face covering.

Your child should enter the school via their year group door and proceed directly to their form room, where they will be greeted by their tutor. Lessons will begin Period 1 and should they have PE on that day, they will need to bring the appropriate kit.

Year groups will be taught in bubbles with classrooms that are well ventilated and set out as per government guidelines to enable social distancing. Specialised subjects, such as Drama, Art, Photography, Science and PE will be taught in specialist rooms. The school will continue to operate a one-way system to minimise contact across bubbles and social distancing will be encouraged at all times. Toilet facilities will also be as they were at the beginning of the academic year. Students will be provided with a hot lunch in their bubble in the dining room and the menus for the remainder of the term are on our website.

The Government have stated that for a short period of time face coverings should be worn in classrooms and communal areas '*unless social distancing can be maintained*'. We are very fortunate to have a comparatively small number of students in some very large spaces and so to this end, all our classrooms in the Senior Department have now been measured out to comply with social distancing guidelines in classrooms once pupils are sat in their allocated seat. Each classroom has a specified capacity which is displayed on the classroom door. Students will be expected to wear face coverings in movement around the school but once sat at their desk the teacher will advise them, if safe to do so, that they may remove their mask. However, during a practical activity, or movement around the classroom where inevitably social distancing is not possible, your child will be expected to wear a face covering at all times. Face coverings are also to be worn in the dining room until your child sits down to eat. No face coverings are required during PE or outside. As we are moving to the finer weather, we will be encouraging all pupils at break and lunchtime to enjoy our beautiful grounds. The Government will review this policy after Easter.

I think it apt that we should be returning to school on Saint Felix Day and the Prep session at the end of the day will acknowledge this with a pre-recorded Chapel, led by our Chaplain, Mrs Halcyon Meldrum.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, staff and parents for their approach, commitment and support in making remote learning successful and now look forward to face to face teaching and a school full of children.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hardcastle', written in a cursive style.

Ms Annie Hardcastle  
Deputy Head