



Salesian School

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Dear All,

I hope this finds everyone well and looking forward to a break from the challenges of juggling home learning and other priorities as the long weekend approaches.

We are all keen to hear what Boris has to say on Sunday and what this will mean for the way ahead. We are certainly hoping to hear within his announcement, what any relaxing of the current restrictions will mean for a return to school. I don't plan on speculating on what the details of that may look like now but needless to say, regardless of what comes out on Sunday, there is much to think through as we begin to plan how we might establish the "new normal". At the moment, we know no more about this than anyone else but it seems likely that at least some of the students will be returning to school at some point after the half term holiday.

Once we have had details from the announcement on Sunday, we will be working in schools across the Xavier Trust to develop plans to ensure that we can make the best possible provision whilst giving due consideration to the safety, well-being and circumstances of all members of our school community. We would hope to be able to share with you all a draft plan for the phased return towards the end of next week. We thought that closing the school was going to be difficult but opening it may prove to be even more challenging! Please bear with us whilst we work all this out but know that our number one priority will be to secure that safety and well-being for all that I have already mentioned.

We were due to make another round of phone calls to families this week but have decided to postpone this by a week; families will inevitably have questions about the return to school which staff will be in a much better position to answer the following week. Having said that, if you have any current concerns or are facing difficulties, please let us know and we will ensure that someone gets in touch with you next week.

Thank you to all those who have subscribed to our YouTube channel, please follow this [link](#) to see the latest videos posted this week. Attached to this email is a quick guide to show you how to subscribe to this channel. Those who do this will be able to access all the material in the playlists which are updated regularly with learning resources from departments that can't be viewed elsewhere.

Thank you to all those who have submitted contributions to the [Salesian 7 Challenge](#). The deadline for this is 14th May so please make sure you get something in if you haven't done so already. We look forward to announcing the winners and details of the next challenge.

Well done to all those students who have kept up with their routines of learning, exercise and helping around the house. Many thanks to all those families who have supported the students to do this so well. Please do get in touch with us before we call if you are struggling with any of this and we will do all we can to support you.

There will be a brief update from me on [YouTube](#) on Monday, followed by more detail in writing later in the week but in the meantime, enjoy the day off tomorrow (follow this [link](#) to find out more about VE Day and see the Salesian commemoration) and the rest of the weekend.

With the continued support, thoughts and prayers from all the staff here at Salesian,

God bless,
James Kibble