



St Joseph's Roman Catholic High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school next week. On Friday 28th August, new guidance came into place for the safe opening of schools and our risk assessment is currently being updated accordingly. Our Risk Assessment will be dynamic and continue to change to adapt to changing circumstances. The latest version will be posted under the '[letters](#)' section of our website.

We understand that many members of the community may be worried about the opening of school so we have created a video outlining what to expect, how our one way systems will work and any special precautions that must be taken. Many thanks to our student leaders and the staff who helped create this. Students will be reminded of these precautions on their first day back but it is essential that all students watch this video before they return to school. You can find the video [here: https://youtu.be/x-WS5ZYZWG4](https://youtu.be/x-WS5ZYZWG4) The detail of the video is also in the attached PDF document and in the '[letters home](#)' section of our website. Our procedures are in line with current government legislation and are subject to change if (or more likely when!) there is further guidance from the Government/medical advisors. We will also listen to our young people and may make adjustments to make sure that the systems are working and fair from their perspective.

The new government guidance outlines the latest scientific evidence about wearing face masks in communal areas. Please see Mrs Yorke-Robinson's attached communication about masks, uniform and our behavior policy addendum. If you have any concerns about your child's specific needs please don't hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or their head of year so that that we can work together to make sure everyone is safe and happy. Please note that we are working with the local authority to increase capacity on some of our busiest bus routes, but they have a finite amount of funding to use across all schools in Bolton.

Our mission theme for this year reflects on our 'Soul' purpose. Inspired by Mark12:30 'To love God with your heart, soul and mind' we will be considering how we can show love (heart purpose), become the person we are called to be and excel in all that we do (Soul purpose) and develop positive mental health (Mind purpose).

We look forward to working with you all in the months and years ahead.

Take care and God Bless!



Tony McCabe

