

# St Edmund Campion Catholic School

## Update: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/carers

I hope that you and your families are keeping well and safe. In normal circumstances we would be welcoming all pupils back today for the start of the summer term and be preparing in earnest for the summer examinations.

You may have seen Gavin Williamson's announcements yesterday about schools. You can find it here if you missed it. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/gavin-williamson-speech-on-covid-19-response>

In summary he stated the following:

- There are no plans to open schools at the moment.
- There is a programme of online support for pupils from something called the Oak National Academy which can be accessed here. <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- There is a programme to be put in place to support computer and internet access to disadvantaged pupils in year 10 through a laptop and 4G router scheme.

In response to this please note the following:

- At St Edmund Campion Catholic school we will not be reopening to all pupils until directed to do so and only when it is safe to do so. We do not know when this will be but are preparing for closure for a period of time. We remain open to children of key workers and to vulnerable children.
- We will be looking to put a schedule together combining the work from the Oak Academy together with the BBC resources (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>) to provide extra work to that set by our teachers on [www.classcharts.com](http://www.classcharts.com)
- We do not yet know how this laptop and 4G router scheme will work so please bear with us while we find out more information

Please also note the following updates below:

- **Free School Meals Vouchers**

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals then we will email the vouchers to you every fortnight. In order to do this you must let us have a valid email address. If you haven't yet done so please email [FSM@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk](mailto:FSM@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk) to confirm the email address to send it to.

If you have done this but still not received them you should receive them in the next 48 hours or so. Unfortunately the system being used by the DfE has had some technical issues

- **Resources for your children**

As mentioned above please do look at the work from the Oak National Academy and BBC bitesize.

We will also continue to set the work via classcharts.

I am retweeting any resources I come across if they help. Our twitter account is @stedcamp

Please do ensure your child is accessing and completing their work.

- **Contacting School**

If you need to contact school there is always someone in the office. 0121 464 7700

You can also email us at [enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk)

Staff will also continue to be contacting you over the coming weeks just to check in and see if there are any problems. They will probably contact you either from school or from their mobiles using the number withheld function. If you receive such a call it is likely to be from your child's form tutor.

- **Safeguarding, SEND and Mental Health**

Mrs Fleming and Mr Hostead (our new SENCO while Mrs Gilbert is on maternity leave) send out update newsletters regularly via parentmail. There is a lot of useful information for everyone contained within with many links to useful resources to help us all with our mental health during this time.

- **GCSE and A Level Grades this Summer and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Enrolment**

Teachers are currently working on collating the grades for this summer. Just a reminder that we are unable to discuss this process with any parents or pupils.

Ofqual have decided to keep the release dates for the results as the same. This means A level results will be released on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August and GCSE results on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

It is very likely that we will therefore hold our post 16 enrolment on the GCSE results day (20<sup>th</sup> August)

- **Uniform**

Some of you may start considering purchasing uniform ready for September. I know it is early!

We intend to move to the red tie for all pupils in years 7 to 10 as of this September. Therefore we will provide all pupils in current years 8 and 9 a red tie when they return to school.

The rest of the uniform is the same.

- Black Blazer
- Black Trousers
- Black leather shoes (no trainer like shoes)
- White shirt
- School Badge (contact the office if you need to buy a new one.)

- **Equipment**

You may want to spend some time ensuring your child is restocked with their equipment. A reminder of what is required is below:

- 30cm pencil case (this is the long pencil case) with 30cm ruler, pens, pencils, erasers, green pens and highlighters
- All pupils will need a specific scientific calculator. They can be bought from school or you can order them from here: <https://www.officestationery.co.uk/product/aurora-ax-595tv-scientific-calculator-black-ax595tv-AO41609/>

Please keep safe and well and we are looking forward to the day when we can welcome your children back to school.

May God be with you all at this time

Mr Grant

