

# South West Hertfordshire Secondary School Headteachers

Please reply to – Mr Michael Jones, Chair of SWHSSH,  
Parmiter's School, High Elms Lane, Garston, WD25 0UU

27<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

## Re: Joint Statement from the South West Hertfordshire Secondary School Headteachers


A key feature of education in South West Hertfordshire has been the close collaboration between all the secondary schools. Over the period since 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 when the majority of students began remote learning from home, all secondary Headteachers have been in regular communication about how we can support our students and what that might look like for each of our schools.

Following recent announcements, the Government has expressed the wish for secondary schools to prepare, from 15th June 2020, to “offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 students who are due to take key exams next year”. All of the secondary schools in South West Hertfordshire are planning with this intention in mind and all schools are certainly keen to return to normal schooling as soon as possible. We will review the advice and guidance from the Department for Education, the Local Authority and the Teacher Unions to help us develop our plans to deliver this support, and our priority at all times must be the safety of our students and staff, as well as limiting the risk of infection for the families that they will return to, and our wider community.

Individual schools will be operating differently for the rest of this term and this will depend on their own assessment of risk, taking into account factors like staffing levels; site constraints and transport issues. Please do be assured that these individual school decisions are taken with the best interests of their students and staff remaining the most important consideration. In addition, schools will continue to work together to plan for the next school year, learning from each other about the best way of managing learning in these challenging times

In the meantime, we would like to publicly thank our staff, who have managed to move from face-to-face learning to providing education remotely in such a short space of time. Given that students and staff all have different levels of access to, and skill with, technology, the work that has been done is nothing short of remarkable and we are very grateful for all their hard work. We are also grateful to all those families who have taken the time to contact our schools to express their support - your good wishes have made a real difference to us all.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr Michael Jones**  
Chair of SWHSSH



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St. Michael's Catholic High School

