



**Update for Parents: 9/6/2020**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Whilst the decision as to whether to honour the Governments ambition to open our school to re engage year 10 and 12 sits with the Lydiate Learning Trust Board and they are keen to do this, our Directors have listened to local advice and analysed the situation carefully across the North West. Therefore, I am writing to inform you that the school will not re engage with year 10 and 12 until Mon 22 nd June at the earliest. This decision has been pushed back following recent information about the virus and the R rate across the North West.

The importance of re-opening is vital not just for education but also for the social and emotional security it provides for children and young people. Getting children back to school will also help to kick-start the economy. However, this can only be done once it is as safe as possible for both students and staff.

As you know, we have remained open throughout the period of lockdown for vulnerable students and the children of key workers. These students will continue to attend school while students from other year groups will continue to access their learning remotely at home. We realise that you may be concerned about your child's progress during this time but we can assure you that our highly skilled teaching and support staff will continue to make suitable plans to support the academic recovery of every student on their return. In the meantime, we will continue to review and refine our home learning provision and welcome your support in ensuring your son/ daughter completes the tasks set. If you have any questions or issues please do not hesitate to contact us.

Next week we will write to you with plans for the re engagement of year 10 and 12 from **Mon 22nd June** and hope that there will be no further delay. We look forward to seeing our students as soon as possible as the school is but a building without them. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and patience.

My best wishes go out to you all.

Stay safe,

Ms Vincent

Headteacher