



## Saint Nathaniel's Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now coming to the end of June and the rules around lock down continue to change on a regular basis.

A number of parents have asked if the school will be open over the Summer holidays, which is a logical question. The answer to that question is no, there are no plans in place for the school to be open through the Summer holidays. We are obviously subject to governmental policy but at this stage, even though the press have reported a number of possible options, there is no directive or plan in place for schools to remain open. Our plan is to use that time wisely to ensure we are ready for our children to return in September, structuring the school to any guidance and plans that the government put in place and prepare for the 'base-line' of our pupils.

I know the direction of travel is that primary schools will return fully in September. However, I believe at this stage, there may be a number of measures that will still have to continue such as staggered start times and classroom layouts etc. to ensure we still keep the risk of infection from Covid-19 as low as possible. To ensure everyone feels confident and that our site is as safe as it can be when we all return to school in September, we will continue with our current arrangements in closing after lunch on a Friday afternoon. This is to allow a deep clean of the whole school site to take place. **All pupils** will therefore need to be collected early; for Nursery and Reception this will be at 12:45pm and for the rest of the school this will be at 1pm.

We have been busy this week organising the classes for next year and making transition plans. For obvious reasons our transition arrangements this year will look very different and will rely a lot on virtual contact between staff and pupils rather than our usual face to face 'moving up' days. I know our Early Years team have already started their process with those children who will be coming to us for the first time in September. Keep your eyes peeled for information linked to transition which will be coming out over the next couple of weeks for all children, including which class your child will be in next year.

Please do not hesitate in contacting us via the usual channels if you have any questions.

Many thanks  
R. Patrick