



Year 7 Settling-in Evening

Frequently Asked Questions

When will children be split into ability based groups?

Once the first round of assessments have been completed, the information will be reviewed and we are planning to have ability based groups in place by the end of the Autumn Term.

Will the children be able to attend church soon?

We certainly hope so. We are currently not allowed to mix different year groups and the availability of the church for large gatherings is dictated by separate guidelines from the Government and the Church of England. As soon as it is possible to have groups in St. Matthew's again we will. In the meantime we are recording a weekly assembly which is shown to the pupils on a Friday morning.

How is my child doing in lessons?

Once assessments are completed, all pupils will receive a progress report which will show the grades they are working at and also give an indication about how they are approaching their learning.

When will children be able to start doing more practical activities in lessons such as P.E. and technology?

The current restrictions do make it difficult to accommodate the full range of practical activities in school. We hope to have P.E. up and running after October half term. We are starting to reintroduce practical work in Years 10 and 11 in preparation for exam courses and we will look to introduce these lessons with younger pupils when the control measures are eased.

It is a different experience in terms of movement around the school, how is the school managing the classroom learning in one room?

It's a challenge! Staff are working incredibly hard to take the lessons to the pupils and providing a wide range of different learning activities. Being based in one room does maximize the learning time and helps the pupils to settle into their day. The vast majority of pupils have settled very well and have responded well to what are very strange circumstances.