

The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Parents

I am writing to contact you about the plans for Sport at The Sir John Colfox Academy in the upcoming year, and how our extra-curricular programme will be affected by COVID-19.

We are listening carefully to government guidelines and also to the recommendations laid out by the various National Governing Bodies of sport, as well as AFPE (our Health and Safety in PE organisation). I have been engaged throughout the summer with various organisations to determine what can be achieved as we return to school in September. We have tried to be positive in our approach and we do expect to see clubs return as soon as we can, but at present due to the uncertainty surrounding the return to school provision, we will be unable to offer any sporting extra-curricular clubs on the immediate return to school.

As you may be aware, we are also currently not allowed to play fixtures against other schools. However, once we get the green light to run our extra-curricular clubs again we plan to return as much as possible to our extensive provision of sport that we offer, which may also include intra-school matches among the pupils. This will allow the students to be actively involved in our programme while staying in their 'bubbles'. We very much hope that students will be available to participate in these sessions and we look forward to returning to the levels we operated before COVID-19 became present.

Over the past eight years we have been extremely focused on our extra-curricular provision, and this year will be no different. As soon as we are allowed to we will begin to run clubs again, and provide the opportunities for all students to attend clubs of their choice.

So, in summary, please bear with us while we await further news! As soon as I know any more I will send out further correspondence to update you of the situation.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

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