

Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our second full week back, we've enjoyed another unbroken week of learning and school life. Our theme of the week has been our new vision statement, "opening hearts, minds and doors". This was also the focus of this week's assemblies which were led by Miss Wall and Mr McKeon.

Firstly, a polite reminder that our face-to-face open evening is just around the corner.



**Opening hearts,
minds and doors**

Notre Dame Catholic College
and Sixth Form

**Year 6
Open Evening**

Enrolling Year 7 for September 2022

Thursday
30 September 2021
6pm - 8pm

Headteachers Presentation
@ 6pm and 7pm



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Key Stage 4 and Year 11 Parent Information Evening

Next Thursday, 23rd September from 5.30pm until 6.30pm, we welcome parents and carers of Years 10 and 11 to attend in person an information evening outlining key examination and coursework details, dates and tips on how best to support your sons and daughters through Key Stage 4. Revision resources and equipment will also be on sale (at cost) at this event.

Continued....

Year 13 Edge Hill Visit

After such an uncertain year, Year 13 finally had the opportunity to attend a higher education fayre at Edge Hill University on Wednesday. Here, students attended talks and stalls from some of the country's leading universities. They also spent the day on Edge Hill's impressive state-of-the-art campus in sunny Ormskirk. On our return, the feedback we had from the students was fantastic with many commenting how much more confident they felt about their future choices. Thank you to the team of staff who arranged and supported this trip.



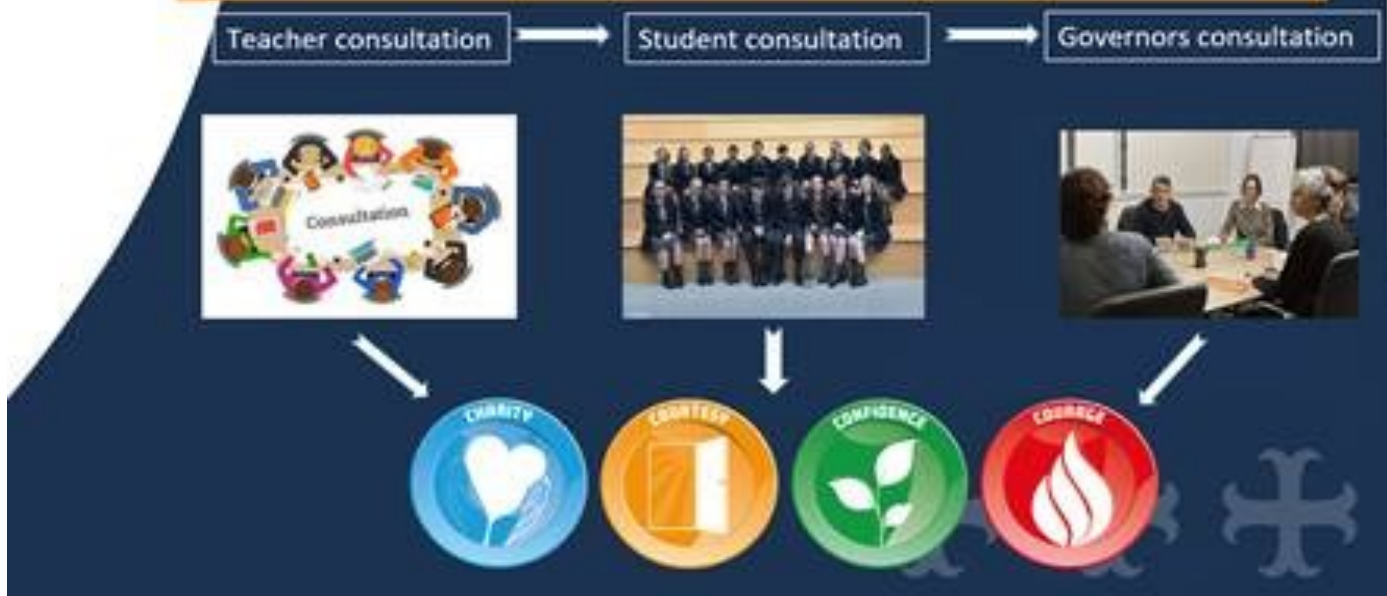
Parent Governor Vacancy

Further to last week's newsletter, may we remind parents and carers that the deadline for nominations for our next Parent Governor is **Tuesday 21st September**. Full information on the role of parent governor, the timeline for the process and instructions on how to apply can be found on our website <https://www.notredameliverpool.com/vacancies/>. Nominations can be submitted on paper using the agreed Nomination Form or by completing this online Nomination Form [[click here to access the online Nomination Form](#)]. Thank you in advance for your interest.

We wish every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy

Our School Values- The process



Students were also introduced to our new 'blue line' (pictured above). This symbolises the point at which our expectations on conduct, personal appearance and application to learning kick in. The blue line acts as a visual reminder to every student, that they are expected to embrace, embody and live out our Notre Dame core values every minute they are in our shared community. By doing so, every child will flourish, grow and succeed. As ever, we appreciate the support of all Notre Dame families in reinforcing these values and expectations every day.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Today, we are announcing that we have a new vacancy for Parent Governor here at Notre Dame Catholic College. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Allen for her boundless service to the College as a Parent Governor. Her contribution to the college community has been amazing. On a personal note, we wish you and the girls every happiness and success in the future. We cannot thank you enough.

We are now inviting nominations from parents and carers who are interested in serving the College as our next Parent Governor. Along with this newsletter, we have attached a Parent Governor candidate pack that includes information about the role of a parent governor, the timeline for the process and instructions on how to apply. Nominations can be submitted on paper using the agreed Nomination Form or by completing this online Nomination Form [[click here to access the online Nomination Form](#)]. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday 21st September. Thank you in advance, welcome back and we wish every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

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Notre Dame Catholic College

Candidate Information

Parent Governor

Voluntary (Fixed 4-Year Term)



'Opening Hearts, Minds and Doors'



Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parent,

ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

I write to invite nominations from parents to fill a vacancy for Parent Governor on our Governing Body.

Nominations should be made using the Nomination Form on page 11 of this Candidate Information pack or using the online form by clicking [here](#); this can be by self-nomination or third party nomination (with the prior consent of the nominee) and submitted to the school no later than, 10.00 am on Tuesday, 21st September 2021.

The successful candidate will become a full member of the Governing Body and serve for 4 years with effect from 11th October 2021.

Eligibility

To be eligible for election, your child must be a registered pupil of Notre Dame Catholic College when the election takes place. Full details of the election procedure and nomination form are enclosed in this pack.

The role of Parent Governor in an effective Governing Body

Effective governing bodies comprise of members with a wide range of expertise and experiences. These might include analysing performance data, in budgeting and driving financial efficiency, and in performance management and employment issues.

The role of Parent Governor is primarily to provide a parent's insight into discussions, policy and performance review and decision-making processes. However, any additional expertise or experience in the areas listed above would be an advantage.

Commitment and Skills Required

All governors need a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for all children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn. They need good inter-personal skills, appropriate levels of literacy in English and sufficient numeracy skills to understand data.

Nominations would be particularly welcome from parents who are able to demonstrate these qualities.

Full Governing Board meetings are usually held once per term at 5.30pm on Thursdays but this could be changed if necessary to suit the convenience of the majority of Governors. Meetings usually last for approximately two hours. In addition to this, each governor is also asked to sit on one additional 'committee'. These also meet once per term and also convene on Thursdays but start at 5.00pm.

Safeguarding Checks

It is important that appropriate checks are made on anybody who will be working in a school to prevent unsuitable people from gaining access to children. Accordingly, new governors must agree to provide proof of identity and undergo a check in line with current advice issued by the Department for Education.

If you wish to have further information regarding being a governor, I would be pleased to answer your queries. Alternatively, you may wish to contact our Senior Clerk to Governors, Mrs Jean Wilkinson by email at wilkinsonj@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk or the School Governor Services team via telephone on 0151 233 3939 or by email at terry.brown@liverpool.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Duffy

Headteacher

Notre Dame Catholic College



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 10 and 11 Careers Provider Event

Friday 1st October is an INSET training day for staff and students are not in school. However, on that day, we will also be hosting a post-16 provider event for students in Years 10 and 11. The event will allow students to speak to a wide range of Further Education providers including colleges, apprenticeship and training providers and, of course, our own Sixth Form College. Details of the staggered arrival times has been sent to parents of Year 10 and 11 from our Careers Leader and Adviser, Mrs Hall.

Year 5 and 6 Open Evening

On Thursday 30th September, we welcome parents of children in Years 5 and 6 to join us for a face-to-face open evening from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. There will be a presentation from the headteacher and other college leaders (delivered at 6.00pm and repeated at 7.00pm), an opportunity to view our first-class facilities, meet staff and to visit individual departments. We look forward to seeing you all.

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Youth Company Brass Band



This is an amazing opportunity for young people aged 13 to 21 who play a brass instrument at Grade 7 or above to join the

Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Company Brass Band

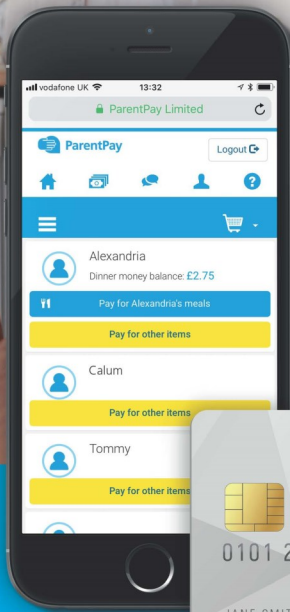
If you are interested, or would like further information please use the link below

[Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Company Brass Band](#)

THE EASY WAY TO PAY

We're using ParentPay so parents
can easily pay online for school
dinners, trips and clubs.

No stress, hassle free.



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SAFE**



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SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS



Important Contacts

If you currently need support for your mental health or well being these are some of the organisations who are happy to listen and help

Anxiety UK

03444775774 (Helpline)

075374160905 (Text)

Childline

0800 1111 (Free 24 hr helpline)

Papyrus Hotline

(Under 35s at risk of suicide or concerned for another)

0800 068 4141

07786209697 (text)

The Mix

(Support & Advice for under 25s)

0808 068 4994

85258 (Text THEMIX)

Young Minds

0808 803 5544 (Parent helpline)

85258 (Free 24hr crisis messenger, text YM)

Young Stonewall

Information & support for young people who identify as LGBTQ

0800 050 2020

Samaritans

Support for anyone who needs to talk

116 123 (Call)

Bullybusters

0800 169 6928

Please refer to the school website for further contact details/ websites

If you feel a child is at risk

(suffering harm, neglect or abuse)

Any member of the public can contact

Careline on 0151 233 3700 or

Merseyside Police on 0151 709 6010

CAMHS Crisis Care Team

Supporting children and young people in crisis regarding self-harm, suicidal ideation and acute mental health difficulties. Speak to a mental health practitioner 24hrs/day

Childline - www.childline.org.uk

• Childline is available to you if you have any concerns about:

- Bullying
- Abuse (physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, neglect)
- Your body and self esteem
- Your feelings
- Friendships
- Sexual advice
- Home life and families
- School

• You can ring them on 0800 1111 or message them online here <https://www.childline.org.uk/registration/>

• There are loads of resources available for you to download and read as well <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/>



Domestic Abuse/Violence

Please remember, in an emergency dial 999 for immediate assistance.

You can call 999 without speaking then pressing 55, or tapping or coughing into the phone.

This will enable police to respond

Women's Aid

0808 2000 247 (24 hr helpline)

Men's Advice Line

0808 801 0327

Worst Kept Secret Helpline Merseyside

0800 028 3398



SAFEGUARDING

CONTACT US

Email: sg@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk

Emails are answered within 24 hrs Mon—Fri 9-3

Phone: 0151 330 5122

PC P Wood Schools Safer Police Officer



The Safeguarding Team

Headteacher – Mr P Duffy
Deputy Headteacher - Mrs AM Costello

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs E Brennan – Senior Assistant Headteacher



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs J Littleboy – Assistant Head of Year
Mr D McKeon – Leadership - Director of Behaviour
Mr A McVerry – Leadership - SENCO

PC P Wood – school's safer police officer
Leadership/ Alternative Provision – Miss H McCullen
Attendance Officer – Mrs P Shrimpton
Special Educational Needs – Mrs K Sweeney
Pastoral Assistant Heads of Year – Ms R Glorman Y7, Mrs Doran Y8, Mrs E Garvey Y10, Miss C Lee Y11

WHISPER



whisper@ndcc

Who can use whisper@ndcc? *parents/carers/students*



- Do you need to inform the safeguarding team about a safeguarding issue?
- Would you like to do it anonymously?
 - *Neglect * Abuse * **Bullying** *Sexual harassment *Peer on Peer abuse *Threats
 - ***Criminal exploitation** *Drugs/Alcohol ***Worried about a friend**
- Use the QR code to access the online form or <https://forms.office.com/r/WfTPCfWANz>
- You can either fill in your name on the form or you can fill out the information anonymously – it is up to you! If you fill out your name and leave a contact number we will contact you.
- We **all** have a responsibility to help our young people before they come to harm
- The online reports will be monitored during term time and will be checked on a daily basis Monday to Friday
- **Remember – if someone is at risk you should phone Careline 0151 2333700 , if it is an emergency phone 999**

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Children and young people across Liverpool will be returning to classrooms from Wednesday, 1 September.

As well as excitement, after the upheaval of the last 18 months there may also be some confusion and anxiety about what current Covid guidance means for the new school year.

Schools have been communicating directly with families and carers and keeping their individual websites updated and should always be the first place to go for advice about plans for getting back into the classroom.

However, we have put together the following frequently asked questions to answer some of the general questions about going back to school...

How do the [self-isolation changes of 16 August](#) affect school attendance?

If children and young people (aged 18 years & 6 months and under) have not tested positive for Covid, and they are not otherwise ill they are expected to be in school.

Anyone aged under 18 and 6 months who has been a close contact of someone who has tested positive is no longer required to self-isolate unless the child also has symptoms. They are advised to take a PCR test but they do not have to isolate whilst they wait for the results.

Students who are aged 18 years & 6 months and over will be treated as adults under the guidance and will not be expected to self-isolate if they have had a close contact provided they have received both Covid vaccinations and 14 days have passed since the second dose.

You can find out where drop-in Covid vaccination clinics are on [Liverpool CCG's website](#).

I think my child has Covid, what should I do?

If your child has symptoms, [please book a PCR test](#) and isolate until you have the results. If you receive a positive test result the child should self-isolate following the national guidance. If you need support whilst your family is self-isolating there is information on the [council's website](#).

Will children still be expected to take lateral flow tests (LFTs)?

Testing is voluntary, but it is encouraged as it is still one of the best ways to break the chain of infection.

We're encouraging secondary school pupils to take an LFT **before** they return to school.

When schools return, government guidance will be followed:

Nursery and primary school children – Do not need to take LFTs.

Secondary school pupils and college students – In the first week of term, two LFTs will be taken at school three to five days apart. In following weeks, two LFTs to be taken at home each week until the end of September.

Will testing continue after the end of September?

There will be a national review of all testing in September 2021 and this will inform the role of testing in school and other settings

What should I do if my child has a positive result on a lateral flow test?

They should self-isolate immediately and you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Other members of the household do not need to self-isolate whilst you await the PCR test result if they do not have symptoms and are aged under 18 years or are fully vaccinated.

Will pupils still be part of bubbles?

Bubbles were introduced to limit contact between groups. Schools are no longer required to do this, but they may be considered if there is an outbreak at the school.

What happens if there are positive cases in schools?

All schools and colleges are required to have outbreak management plans. Action may need to be taken if certain thresholds are met. If risks change significantly the Director of Public Health is able to implement further or different measures to protect population health.

Will school continue to inform us if there are positive cases in school?

Public Health England are currently advising schools that it is not necessary to send *warn and inform* letters for each pupil case. Parents will be informed if additional controls from the outbreak management plan need to be put in place.

Meanwhile schools will continue to maintain COVID prevention measures. This includes maximising ventilation, encouraging good hygiene, thorough cleaning and ensuring that anyone with COVID symptoms or positive test results do not come in to school.

Will children be made to have a vaccination?

No-one will be made to have a vaccination, but having both doses of the vaccination is still the best way of preventing people from becoming very ill with Covid-19.

The national vaccination programme is now open to anyone aged 16 and over. Sixteen and 17-year-olds will be contacted by their GPs and are not able to book vaccinations online.

I would like my child to have a vaccination as there is someone in my household who is vulnerable but my child is younger than 16.

Vaccinations are being offered to 12-15-year-olds if they have an underlying health condition or if someone they live with is immunosuppressed. You should speak to your child's GP.

Will my child have to wear a face covering in the classroom?

Guidance states that face coverings do not need to be worn in the classroom. But if your child travels to school or college on public transport that is crowded and they can't socially distance it is a good idea to wear a face covering if they are able.

Parents are encouraged to wear face coverings at the school gates particularly if social distancing isn't possible.

Will normal school activities now be taking place?

Yes, activities such as sports, singing, playing wind or brass instruments, and going on trips and excursions are now allowed to take place.

My child is anxious about returning to school is there any support?

The last year and a half has been especially tough for our children and young people. If your child is worried about returning to the classroom please speak to the school in the first instance. They can also get help and advice online such as at www.kooth.com

FLU VACCINATIONS



Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Community and Mental Health Services

Liverpool Immunisation Team
Lifehouse
Summers Road Brunswick Business Park
Liverpool
L3 4BL

0151 295 3833

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is due from September onwards

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, it is recommended that they have the flu vaccine again this year.

While COVID-19 is in circulation, the Healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine.

For further information about the vaccination programme please click on this link www.nhs.uk/child-flu as it provides details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

Please follow the link emailed to you from school to complete your child's consent form even if you do not want your child to receive their flu vaccination.

If you have any queries or are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team: 0151 295 3833.

Yours faithfully

Immunisation Team

Intra Nasal Flu Vaccine Consent Form



Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust
Community and Mental Health Services

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Child's full name (first name and surname):		
Home address and postcode:		
NHS number: (if known)	Date of birth:	School year:
Email address:	Ethnicity:	Ethnicity:
School:	Daytime contact telephone number for parent/guardian/carer:	
GP name and address:		



Has your child required oral steroids in the last 2 weeks to manage their asthma?*	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child have a disease or treatment that severely affects their immune system? (e.g. treatment for Leukaemia)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is anyone in your family currently having treatment that severely affects their immune system? (e.g. they need to be kept in isolation)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child have a severe egg allergy? (needing intensive care)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child take salicylate medication (Aspirin)?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered **YES** to any of the above, please give details the Immunisation team may contact you for further information. Please ensure you include a contact telephone number.

***Please inform the Immunisation team if your child's asthma deteriorates and you have had to increase their medication after you have returned this form, please call: 0151 295 3833**

NB. The nasal flu vaccine contains a highly processed form of gelatine derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). It is offered because it is more effective in the programme than an injected vaccine. This is because it is considered better at reducing the spread of flu to others and is easier to administer. Some people may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products. You should discuss your options with the Immunisation team.

Consent for immunisation (please tick YES or NO and return form for either decision)

YES, I give consent for my child to be immunised with the nasal flu vaccine.	NO, I do not give consent for my child to be immunised with the nasal flu vaccine
Name:	Name:
Signature: Parent/guardian/carer	Signature: Parent/guardian/carer
Date:	Date:

If 'No' please give reason(s):

The Immunisation team will transcribe information provided onto the E-Consent portal to record your consent/decline and child's immunisations.

Thank you for completing this form. Please return it to the school as soon as possible

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY. NURSE TO COMPLETE.	Signature:
	Date:

Pre session triage for Fluenz Tetra

Child eligible for Fluenz (consent form signed, no contraindications)	Yes	No
Comments:		

***FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Has the parent/child reported the child being wheezy over the past three days? If Yes, give details:

Eligibility assessment on day of vaccination completed (RN at session)

Name:

Signature:

Vaccine details (RN)

Batch number:	Expiry date:	Supplied/administered (circle as applicable)
Date:	Time:	School Clinic

Administration supervisor (CSW) to be completed where supplied:

Name:

Signature:

NB. Asthmatic children not eligible on the day of the session due to deterioration in their asthma control should be advised to attend their GP and offered inactivate vaccine if their condition doesn't improve within 72 hours to avoid a delay in vaccinating this 'at risk' group.

Additional information:

FLU CAN SPREAD VERY EASILY, WHICH IS WHY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GIVEN A VACCINE AS PROTECTION.



There is a special flu vaccine which works really well in children

It is given by a painless nasal spray and offered to all school children
(Reception to year 11)

Please ensure you have given your email address to the school office so you
can receive your Childs electronic consent

If you have any questions please contact the immunisation team on
0151 295 3833

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ATTENDANCE & UNIFORM

Attendance and Punctuality

The school's attendance officer is Mrs P Shrimpton

From 3rd September 2021 all students are expected to attend school.

All students should arrive at school before 8:40 a.m. to ensure they have enough time to be at their form classes for 8:45 a.m. Parents/carers must ensure that students leave home in plenty of time to get to school on time.

Breakfast - Students are able to have breakfast in school after 8 a.m. in the lower canteen

Appointments - Please do not make medical / dental appointments for students during school hours. Any appointments during school time will only be authorised with a letter or appointment card.

Holidays - Term Dates are included in this newsletter - please do not book holidays during term times. Any holidays booked during term time will be unauthorised unless with the prior agreement of the headteacher.

Pastoral Team

If you need to speak to a member of the pastoral team you can contact them via class charts messages.

Mrs Brennan - Senior Assistant Headteacher

Mr McKeon - Leadership Team / Director of Behaviour

Mr Campbell - Leadership Team / Director of Behaviour

Year 7 - Head of Year - Miss Wishart Assistant Head of Year - Ms Glorman

Year 8 - Head of Year - Mr Appleton Assistant Head of Year - Mrs Doran

Year 9 - Head of Year - Mrs Crosslind Assistant Head of Year - Mrs Littleboy

Year 10 - Head of Year - Mr Bond Assistant Head of Year - Mrs Garvey

Year 11 - Head of Year - Mrs Smith Assistant Head of Year - Ms Lee

Uniform standards

Please find attached the appropriate shoe guidance which is part of our school uniform. Parents/carers were provided with a letter regarding uniform and the details of appropriate shoes in the summer term. The information is also available on the school website. If pupils come into school with the wrong footwear from Monday 6th September 2021 they will be given an alternative pair of shoes provided by school. Any queries please speak to your son/daughter's Head of Year.

ACCEPTABLE AND NON-ACCEPTABLE SHOES



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



Plain Black Patent



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Non-Polishable Shoe
Trainer**



**Embellishment not same colour as shoe
Embellishment not flat to shoe
Open toe**



Embellishment not same colour as shoe



The Notre Dame Way – The Blue Line

Opening Hearts, Minds & Doors!



If you arrive to school without full uniform; (Tie, blazer, jumper, black shoes)

- You will be provided with the item of uniform you are missing, from the school uniform store.
- You will be asked to sign for the item
- If you are picked up without full uniform through the day, you will be given the missing item from the school store.
- If you refuse to borrow uniform you will be taken to referral for the remainder of the day.

We have given you a week to arrange your uniform. From Monday if you arrive at school missing any part of your uniform you will be provided with the item you are missing. If you refuse, you will be in referral.



The Blue Line



The Notre Dame Way – The Blue Line

Opening Hearts, Minds & Doors!



Why do we have the Blue Line?

- Creates Community
- Research shows us that students who wear full uniform Improve academic achievement
- Less distractions
- Reduces peer pressure/Bullying
- Focus on Character
- Easier for your parents!

Excuses will not be accepted (examples below)

"I left them at my Nans/Dads/Mums/Uncles"
"They are wet"
"I'll have them tomorrow"
"The dog chewed them"

Only a note from your parents with a valid excuse (medical) will excuse you from wearing correct uniform.

