

# Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week's newsletter began with the St Julie quote, "All will go well if we allow the good God to act.". Well God was clearly listening and all has gone as well as we had all hoped and prayed. We would like to thank every member of staff involved in the organisation, administration and supervision of over 750 student COVID tests this week; ensuring the safe, organised and successful return of our students. We would also like to thank parents and carers for your consent, communication, support and patience through the course of the week; we could not have done it without you!

### Next week

You will be delighted to read that all year groups will attend as normal, every day and at the usual times from Monday onwards. As you be aware, the government's expectation is that schools supervise the first 3 COVID tests as part of their roadmap to re-open schools, before home testing kits are issued. All year groups have been tested at least once and Year 7 and 8 have been tested twice. This means the testing programme continues through the course of next week.

If you have not yet consented to your son or daughter doing a supervised COVID self-test in school, it's not too late. You can still provide consent by using this link [[click here for the COVID testing consent form](#)]. If you or your child have any concerns around the self-testing process, please watch [this video](#) to see how easy and unintrusive it really is.

### National COVID schools infection survey tests

A polite reminder to parents and carers of our sixth form students, that the next round of the ONS School Infection Survey tests takes place on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March** and will follow the same process. If you have already registered for this survey, you do not need to re-register. To watch a short explanation of the survey and its importance to the ongoing fight against COVID, please click [here](#). Thanks again for your participation.



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## **Parent Governor Election**

Final call for any remaining nomination forms for our Parent Governor vacancy. The deadline for this is 10.00am on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. 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/parent-governor-election>. 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](#)].

## **Returning Loaned Laptops**

Through the course of this year to date, the College has loaned over 225 laptops to students during lockdown to ensure that all students can access our remote learning offer, therefore minimising the impact of this disruption on students' learning. Whilst the continued expansion of the vaccination programme, the student testing programme and use of face-coverings in school, all reduce the risk of infection both in the community and in school, we cannot rule out future positive cases in school or the resulting requests for groups of students to self-isolate as we did in the autumn term. If this happens, we would like to be able to loan college laptops to students who are self-isolating, so that they can continue to access the curriculum whilst at home.

We are therefore requesting that **all loaned laptops be returned to the College IT Help desk through the course of next week**. This will enable us to sanitise them, check over them and prepare them for re-issue in the event of a positive case and self-isolation. Thank you to those families who have already returned laptops.

## **'And finally...'**

It has been truly uplifting to welcome students back this week. The structure of this week has allowed students to spend time with one another and with form tutors. Next week will feel a little closer to 'normal' for many of us, so get well-rested, get bags and uniform sorted, get ready to learn and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



# 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 con-**

## 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

## 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

## CONTACT US

Email: [sg@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:sg@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk)

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

Phone: 0151 330 5122

### Safeguarding Team:

Mrs Brennan - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Littleboy—Deputy DSL / Year 8

Mr McVerry—Deputy DSL

Mr D McKeon - Deputy DSL

Mrs Costello - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Sweeney , Mrs Kildare, Mrs Doran, Miss Lee,  
Mrs Garvey & Ms Glorman

## 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

## Childline - [www.childline.org.uk](http://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/>



# WELFARE HELP

## BNENC BRECKFIELD CENTRE

Live in Anfield / Everton—Struggling with Debt ?

Problems with Benefits ?

Employment & Housing Issues ?

Need someone to Talk to In confidence ?



BNENC's Welfare Rights Project is Part of BNENC's

Kick Start 2 Health & Wellbeing Programme

Then Contact

BNENC's Welfare Rights Worker

Who may be able to help

Call 0151 288 8400 for an appointment



Department  
for Culture  
Media & Sport

Breckfield & North Everton Neighbourhood Council Ltd

The Breckfield Centre

Breckfield Road North

Liverpool L5 4QT

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20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

## The Pantry at Notre Dame

We realise in these difficulty and very different times that there may be some families who need that little extra support. As a community, Notre Dame would like to offer the service of "The Pantry" to all of our families as we support each other.

The Pantry is a confidential service (foodbank) run by Notre Dame, whereby you can contact Rebecca Wall, our Chaplain, and ask for help with items of shopping, food and toiletries, that you are unable to afford at the moment during these unprecedented times. It may be that you are unable to access benefits, have been made redundant, are working less hours – all making it difficult to feed/support your family as you would normally do.

You may only need to use The Pantry once, or you may need to use it on a more regular basis. Please feel free to call Rebecca and speak to her directly in confidence. You don't even need to share information with your child.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either by telephone or email ([rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk)).

*Remember you are not on your own in this – we are all in it together !*

Kind regards

Miss R Wall  
School Chaplain