

Newsletter

Friday 14th May 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The use of face coverings from Monday 17th May

Parents will be aware that, on Monday, the Prime Minister confirmed that as part of the next phase of easing COVID restrictions, students would no longer be required to wear face coverings in classrooms or communal areas in school. Whilst all at Notre Dame Catholic College have fully appreciated this important aspect of the government's COVID safety measures, we are delighted that infections in schools across the country are deemed low enough to free our students of this burden. **From Monday, face coverings will therefore be optional for all students;** this will allow students who still wish to wear a face covering to do so.

Virtual Parents' Evening 'Take 2' with Year 8

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our first attempt at a virtual parents' evening encountered a number of technical issues that led to the event being abandoned. We have since reviewed both our internal ICT setup and the SchoolCloud system we are using in preparation for a second attempt which will be with **parents of Year 8**. The event will take place on **Thursday 17th June from 4.00pm until 7.00pm**. We have selected an alternative year group in order to avoid any further inconvenience of Year 7 parents should we encounter any further issues. If the Year 8 event is a success, we will quickly reschedule the abandoned Year 7 evening safe in the knowledge that it will work. We thank you for your understanding and patience whilst we explore this new way of working. Year 8 parents will be issued with instructions on how to register for your virtual parents' evening.

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Expensive Personal Items

Finally, we would like to continue to draw parents' attention to the student uniform section of our website. <https://www.notredameliverpool.com/student-uniform> It contains important information regarding the college's uniform expectations **and** details of items not to be worn by students. **We strongly advise** that parents refrain from sending your son or daughter into school in possession of expensive items such as jewellery, branded outdoor coats or smart phones. Students and parents do so at their own risk and the college will not reimburse families for any such items in the event that they are damaged, lost or stolen under any circumstances. The best way to avoid such instances is to **leave such items at home** and in doing so, you support the college's sense of community, shared identity, fairness and pride.

ONS Covid Testing

Monday 17th May - the last round of ONS Covid Testing will take place in college for Sixth Form students only.

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

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

• 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/>



ATTENDANCE

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2020-2021



Winning Form
Classes

Year 7: 7D

Year 9: 9F

Year 8: 8J

Year 10: 10J

Year 11: 11F

YEAR
9
WINNERS!!

Week commencing 14th December 2020



General Covid-19 advice

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a PCR test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you can't smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

People who are sick with coronavirus may have other flu like symptoms such as:

body aches

persistent headaches

sore throat

tiredness

shortness of breath

nausea or

diarrhoea

If you don't have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus, you don't need to isolate until you get your result, however you do need to continue to take the usual measures to protect yourself and others from illness.

General Testing (not part of returning to England)

People with symptoms can get a test here:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/communities-and-safety/emergency-planning/coronavirus/how-to-get-tested/tests-for-people-with-symptoms/>

People without symptoms can access our community testing sites here: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/smarttesting>

Testing after travel from overseas: www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-people-travelling-to-england?step-by-step-nav=8c0c7b83-5e0b-4bed-9121-1c394e2f96f3

Mental wellbeing

Don't forget about your own self-care. Discover our supportive online mental wellbeing space for adults: **qwell.io**

"THE PANTRY" @ NOTRE DAME



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20th 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).

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

Kind regards

Miss R Wall
School Chaplain