

# Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

## Headteacher's Message

### First full week back

I think I speak for the whole Notre Dame community when I say with great joy, that this week has felt a lot closer to 'normal' than previous weeks. It has been wonderful to have a full college this week and see students learning together again. We cannot thank staff enough for the very successful co-ordination of the student mass testing programme, which concluded today. All consenting students have now performed 3 supervised self-tests and have been issued with home testing kits. Students have conducted themselves impeccably throughout. Well done and thank you to all involved.

### National Day of Reflection for COVID-19

This week, all Catholic schools received a letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon to confirm that **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** has been designated as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence during the school day and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. We will be observing the minute's silence in school and encourage all Notre Dame families to observe the 8pm door step vigil by shining a light or lighting a candle at our door steps. The day should be one of prayer in which we reflect on our collective loss, support those who have been bereaved and think about our hopes for the rest of the year.

### Easter Liturgies

A virtual Easter Liturgy will take place during lesson time on **Friday 26th March**. More details in terms of timings will be shared during the course of next week.

### Returning Loaned Laptops

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, college laptops will prove to be an invaluable tool in our efforts to minimise the impact of the disruption on students' learning caused by the pandemic, lockdowns and self-isolations. We therefore continue to ask that **all loaned laptops be returned to the College IT Help desk as a matter of urgency**. 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 again to those families who returned laptops this week.

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



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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 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/>





## 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  
Attendance – Miss H McCullen (Leadership) and Miss J Gilbert (Attendance Officer)  
Special Educational Needs – Mrs K Sweeney

Our school's safeguarding padlet is now live. The link has been sent to all parents/carers and students via class charts. The padlet acts like an online digital noticeboard. We will use the padlet to signpost students and their families to resources related to safeguarding matters.

You can access the padlet either by clicking here (put in weblink to <https://padlet.com/ebrennan39/gjj84gdob9f2q824>) or scanning in the QR code.





## **Notre Dame SEND Team**

Please see below for an amazing offer from The Sensory Hive, for parent/carer support and training sessions about sensory processing and how to support our young people at this time.

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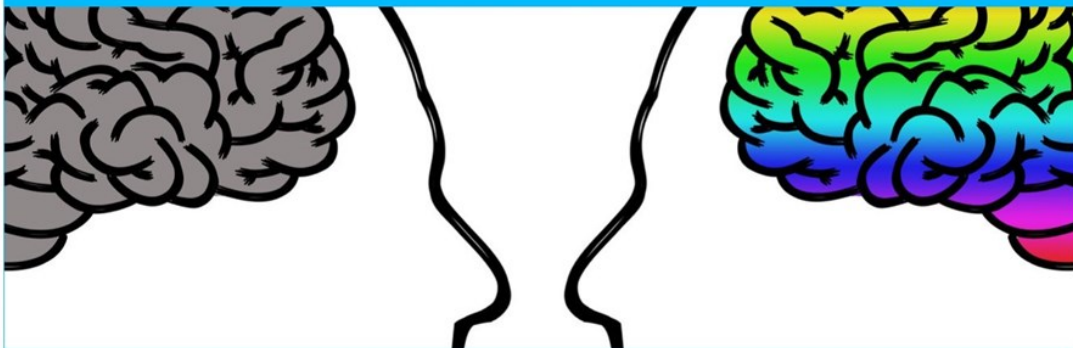


# **THE SENSORY PROJECT LCR**

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**Funding from the Coronavirus Community Support Fund, distributed by The National Lottery Community Fund, has helped us to offer this project to all of our parents and carers across the Liverpool City Region.**



**A 4-WEEK COURSE STARTING 22ND MARCH 2021**

**FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF THOSE WITH  
SENSORY PROCESSING DIFFICULTIES**

**Weeks 1 & 2 : The 8 sensory systems & how they impact our behaviour.**

**Week 3 : The zones of regulation & the "Just-Right" challenge.**

**Week 4 : Creating a home sensory-motor circuit.**

**CHOOSE ONE SESSION PER WEEK**

**SESSION A: MONDAY 7PM - 9PM**

**SESSION B: FRIDAY 10AM - 12AM**

**Please note: The same content will be covered in each weekly session.**

**To reserve your place email us at: [thesensoryhivebooking@gmail.com](mailto:thesensoryhivebooking@gmail.com)**



# 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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# "THE PANTRY" @ NOTRE DAME



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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