

Newsletter

Friday 21st May 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Revised COVID measures from Monday 17th May

We cannot express how nice it has been to be able to walk around the college this week smiling at each other! This pandemic has continually presented us with a renewed appreciation of the simple things in life that we have evidently taken for granted beforehand. This week, the power of a smile! We urge all members of our Notre Dame family to ensure that this relaxation on face coverings is permanent by continuing to adhere to the other measures still in place. These include our one-way system, maintaining social distance, regular hand washing, regular home testing and wearing a face covering in spaces that cannot be socially distanced. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, **face coverings are now optional for all students**; this continues to allow students who still wish to wear a face covering to do so.

Office of National Statistics (ONS) Schools Infection Survey

As sixth form parents and carers will be aware, the college hosted Round 5 of the ONS schools infection survey on Monday. 'Thank you' to all students and staff who took part in this vital survey. Test results can be view on the survey portal :

[Office for National Statistics Schools Infection Survey Portal \(oc-meridian.com\)](https://oc-meridian.com)

We expect there to be one final round of tests in the last half term of the year and will confirm the date nearer the time.

EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

Finally, we would like to again draw the attention of parents' who are citizens of the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland. If you wish to continue living and working in the UK, you must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) for settled or pre-settled status. The deadline to do this is **30 June 2021**. Applying to the scheme is very important as protects the rights you currently have, including the right to employment, to rent a home, and to access healthcare and benefits. Parents who are citizens of these countries must ensure that they also apply on behalf of their children. Applications should be made online via [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) and are free. If people need advice prior to making their application they should contact Citizens' Advice in Liverpool as this is the commissioned service to provide support. They can call 0151 522 1725 or email euss@caliverpool.org.uk

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



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**slower speeds,
safer streets**



**Liverpool
City Council**

E-Scooters

Dear Parents/Guardians & Pupils

There is a lot of confusion regarding the use of E-scooters on our roads across Merseyside. Liverpool has been nominated as one of several cities to **trial the rental** orange e-scooters operated by VOI and they have been given a temporary VSO (vehicle special order) to allow them to operate and riders to ride E-scooters legally.

It is important to understand that Private E-scooters (i.e. any scooters **not** operated by VOI) have not been given a VSO and are therefore **illegal to use** except on private land and then, only with landowner's permission.

With regards to the VOI trial scooters, there are strict conditions attached to their use as they are classed as motor vehicles

- The person who hires the e-scooter must be 18 and have a UK driver's licence.
- The company renting the vehicle must have insurance for the person hiring.
- **The person must follow traffic laws whilst in control of a rental e-scooter.**
- E-scooters travel at around maximum speed of 15.5 mph

The person hiring must keep to the terms of the rental scheme

In the case of privately owned E-Scooters:

- They **cannot be used** on the roads or public spaces.
- They **can only be used on private land with the permission of the landowner.**
- Some private E-scooters can travel more than 40mph
- You cannot get insurance to use these on the road.

These can be seized by police for no insurance or the rider having no licence.

There have been road traffic collisions involving e-scooters and we want to keep people safe on our roads. The rider of the rental E-scooters may be fined if found committing traffic offences and be given points on their licences.

If you have any issues, or witness any incidents you can contact VOI directly on 0800-3768179 or support@voiapp.io

Road Safety Team Liverpool City Council

PURPLEBIN

Free, locally sponsored, online course for parents.

Launched by : The Solihull Approach (NHS)

How do I access?

www.inourplace.co.uk



What's the code?

- If you haven't used it already here is the access code for all the [online](#) courses (funded for residents of Liverpool): **PURPLEBIN**
- If, like many parents, you have already used this code, log into your account [here](#) and this course will be ready in your dashboard to start whenever you are ready.

Can I tell my family and friends?

Absolutely! Share the news with other families in the area so that they too can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

How long is it?

There are 7 modules which each take about 5 minutes to complete and will benefit from time to digest in between.

If you like this...

...you might like the bigger '[Understanding your child](#)' or '[Understanding your child with additional needs](#)', or other courses in the series. www.inourplace.co.uk

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

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: **7T**

Year 9: **9J**

Year 8: **8E/8P**

Year 10: **10J**

**YEAR
7
WINNERS!!**

Year 11: **11J**

Week commencing 17th May 2021



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