

# Newsletter

Friday 8th January 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

May we begin by wishing every member of the Notre Dame family a Happy New Year. We appreciate that the circumstances under which we return from the Christmas holiday have been far from ideal this week.

### Summer examinations and grades

The impact of the new national lockdown has been compounded by multiple government announcements and resulting uncertainty around how students will be assessed and awarded grades this summer.

Please be assured that college leaders, staff and governors will continue to keep abreast of the very latest developments and guidance to ensure that no student is in any way unnecessarily disadvantaged by these changes.

Yesterday, we wrote to all parents in Years 11, 12 and 13 to confirm which January examinations would be going ahead and which would be cancelled.

### Requests for student places for on site provision

We can also confirm that, like many schools across the country, we have experienced a significant increase in the number of families requesting places for on site education due to parents' key worker status.

An increase in student attendance to school, in turn, increases the number of staff that are required on site. This makes social distancing more of a challenge, thus negating the fundamental aims of the national lockdown, which is to avoid unnecessary or non-essential contact between people.

Please ensure that you refrain from making such requests if even just one parent is in a position to work from home. The DfE have now requested that schools be provided with a copy or photograph of a work ID badge or wage slip as proof of key worker status in support of any new requests from Monday.

As ever, we are fully committed to supporting families and students during this difficult time, so if you are unsure about your eligibility or a student place for on site provision, please do not hesitate to contact the college - we're in this together!

*'The more difficult the times are, the more we must expect and hope everything from the goodness of the good God.'*

St Julie Billiart, L 260

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



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## Notre Dame SEND Information

Please remember that our SEND Team are always available and always here to help. Member of the team are onsite each day. If you need any support then please contact Mr. McVerry through [Classcharts](#) or by email [amcverry@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:amcverry@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk).

You can also keep up to date with information on twitter [@NotreDameSEnCo](#) and [@NDEvertonValley](#)

### The SEND Team



### Family Support

There are agencies and groups who can support families during this time and also beyond lockdown. Please ask for help if you need it, you are not alone during this time.



**LivPac**

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**Isabella Trust**

Telephone: 07956 749 774

Email: [info@theisabellatrust.org](mailto:info@theisabellatrust.org)

### Padlet

All of our SEND Support Documents can be accessed through the SEND Padlet. You can download and use all of the resources here

[https://padlet.com/anthony\\_mcverry/41aoj37yi8nsqxccc](https://padlet.com/anthony_mcverry/41aoj37yi8nsqxccc)



### Twinkl Symbols App

This useful App can be downloaded from the App Store or [Playstore](#) and can help with structure and routines. We can support you with creating visual timetables or any visual support your child needs, just get in contact.



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### Liverpool's Local Offer



[liverpool.gov.uk/localoffer](http://liverpool.gov.uk/localoffer)

### Colorveil

This is a free programme that pupils can use to put a coloured overlay on their computer screen if they need. I have sent information over [Classcharts](#), but you can download the programme here -

<https://www.aurelitec.com/colorveil/windows/>



## Coronavirus Lockdown Social Story for Students

This has been a very worrying and tough time for everyone and for you as a student at Notre Dame. We have been through this before and it was very tough for us all, but we have learnt a lot and we as a school are ready to support you. Even some adults are worrying a little bit about the whole situation, but it is okay.

Notre Dame is closing to the majority of pupils because there has been a big increase in cases around the country and more people are going into hospital with Covid-19. We need to protect the NHS and because there are so many of us in the school and when we are in close contact the virus can spread more easily. The virus has also mutated, which means that it has been able to adapt and change over time to become more transmissible. The word transmissible basically means that it is able to pass from person to person more easily. This is why most of you have been told to stay at home, to try and break the spread of the virus.

Some of you will still need to come into school and the staff are in school to support you if you are in and you will remain safe in your year group bubbles.

The last lockdown taught us a lot and we know what to expect from this shorter period of lockdown to support you and your families. Please remember that we are here for you and you can contact any teacher through Classcharts.

For most of you, it is going to be strange not coming to school, but you have done this before and we know that it is worrying and frustrating. Your teachers are working hard to set you work through Classcharts and Microsoft Teams and they are here to help you learn at home. We don't know yet fully what will happen with exams and that is stressful, but for now, please carry on as normal and attend any Microsoft Teams lessons that your teachers are delivering. We will keep you updated as we get more information, but if you do have any worries and anxieties about it then please do contact us and do not struggle alone.

During this time, plans will and have changed and life will not be the same, but remember this is a virus and when people get a virus the body tries to fight it off and kill it and in nearly all cases it does and people get better.

We also have the vaccine that is being rolled out across the nation and this is the way that we are going to beat the virus and the hope is that the most vulnerable groups within society will have been offered the vaccine by the February half term.

Remember the guidance though, you need to **'Stay at Home'**, that means you should not be going out with your friends and you should not be meeting people outside of your house. There are only a few reasons that you can leave home, to exercise with people from your household and to go to the shops. Some of your family members might have to go out more often as they are key workers, but they are safe in work.

The best thing to do to stop you getting sick is to wash your hands as often as possible and for at least 20 seconds. Make sure you do this before you eat, bite your nails, touch your face, go to the toilet or if you touch any surface, especially if someone you know might have the virus.

If you or anyone you know does get sick, it will be okay, you just need to rest and let your body recover, this might not be a nice time and it might make you really ill, but remember that people are there to support you. Make sure that you drink plenty of water and stay away from other people if you are sick, this will stop the virus spreading.



At Notre Dame Catholic College we have a dedicated  
Safeguarding team here to support you  
[sg@notredame.Liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:sg@notredame.Liverpool.sch.uk)

Mrs. Sweeney (Safeguarding Officer)

Mrs. Kildare (Assistant Head of Sixth Form)

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

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For 11-18 year olds

# How to stop CYBERBULLYING

**STOP**

LOG OFF the site  
where the bullying is  
happening.

**BLOCK**


BLOCK EMAILS or  
messages. Don't  
respond to them.





**REC  
RECORD**


SAVE THE MESSAGE  
or email and show an  
adult.

**TALK  
IT OUT**

TELL SOMEONE you  
trust.

 **Rock Solid  
Foundation**

 **Walk Away**  
 **Ignore**  
 **Talk It Out**  
 **Seek Help**

 **University  
of Victoria**

Find out more at [www.wibsprogram.ca](http://www.wibsprogram.ca) or [www.mediasmarts.ca](http://www.mediasmarts.ca)

# "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