

# Newsletter

Friday 9th July 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Personal Thanks

I write this final newsletter of the year to you approaching the end of my first year in post. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank students, parents, staff and governors for the warm welcome and support I have received throughout this year, which despite the obvious challenges, has proven to be a profoundly positive one for me.

I congratulate every student, parent and staff member on the positivity, resilience and adaptability you have all shown in managing this second year of disruption. Everyone has risen to the challenge to minimise the impact of the pandemic on students' education and our newfound ICT and video-conferencing skills stand us in good stead for the future, whatever it brings.

### Arrangements for Final Day, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

As in previous years, all year groups will finish at 12.15 of the final day of term next Friday.

### Government COVID guidance for September 2021

Following the government guidance and information, we will not be required to track and trace from September. Only students with positive COVID tests will need to isolate. There will be no more bubbles. Information on face masks will be shared nearer the time when we update our risk assessment in September. As ever, we will follow local and government guidance to direct our decisions.

Schools have been asked to provide onsite lateral flow tests for all students on their return in September. We have been asked to test students twice in their first 3-5 days in school. As a result, students' return to school will be more staggered than usual to allow for this testing to be delivered on each year group's return. As mentioned above, only students with positive COVID tests will need to isolate. Further details of students' return to school in September will be circulated next week.

### 'Attendance Reboot' in September 2021

Needless to say, the biggest impact of the pandemic in schools has been seen on students' daily attendance. So much of this has been entirely unavoidable and in the best interests of children's safety. Again, we cannot thank families enough for your support in this through the course of the year. Throughout, we have fully appreciated the inconvenience this has caused to your working lives and family arrangements. September marks a new dawn within which we can reset what 'good attendance' to school means in the post-COVID world and re-establish the unbroken routine of daily and punctual attendance to school and the pivotal role we all play in securing that routine.



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## **School Uniform – Ties**

One of the lasting legacies of our COVID measures will be the continuation of split lunchtimes in the new academic year. To support the daily management of this, each year group will have a unique version of our school tie. Arrangements for this uniform change are as follows:

New Year 7 tie – red strip tie (to be purchased by parents from approved shops Trutex—London Road or County Road)

Current Year 7 – blue strip tie (provided by the school on students' return in September)

Current Year 8 – purple strip tie (provided by the school on students' return in September)

Current Year 9 – green strip tie (provided by the school on students' return in September)

Current Year 10 – keep existing tie

New and current Sixth Form students – black/grey/white tie  
Provided by the school on students' return in September)

For further informative on the college's uniform expectations, follow this link <https://www.notredameliverpool.com/student-uniform>

## **'Flourish' Resourced Educational Provision**

Though the course of this year, Notre Dame Catholic College has been commissioned by Liverpool City Council to provide resourced education provision for a small number of students who have an Educational Health Care Plan in support of communication and interaction needs consistent with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC), from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

Allocation of placements into this provision is managed by the local authority SEND team and the provision is already full for the new academic year. The provision will be staffed by a specialist ASC lead teacher, a specialist ASC Higher Level Teaching Assistant and a learning support assistant. From conception, Flourish has been designed and staffed drawing from the expertise of outstanding provision from within the special school sector, here in a mainstream setting. I am sure parent and carers join me in welcoming Flourish students and parents into the Notre Dame family.

## **This week's Parents' Events**

We thank all parents, carers and staff who attended the virtual Year 7 parents' event on Tuesday afternoon and the virtual Year 10 parents' evening last night. We hope you found the events informative and of use. On the whole, the technology appeared to hold up for the vast majority of meetings, however we are aware of a number of calls that dropped either in sound or video. If your consultation was in any way hampered or disrupted by such technological difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the respective teacher via Class Charts messenger.

## **Safeguarding Concerns during the Summer Holiday**

As in previous years, any safeguarding concerns you may have during the summer holiday can still be reported to the college via our safeguarding padlet, which you can access via this link <https://padlet.com/ebrennan39/gjj84qdob9f2q824> or by scanning the QR code below.



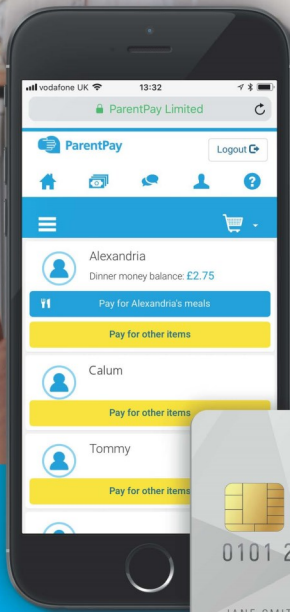
Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend  
Mr Duffy.



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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 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

## 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/>



## 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





## 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

PC P Wood Schools Safer Police Officer



## 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  
Mrs Shrimpton (Attendance Officer)  
Special Educational Needs – Mrs K Sweeney  
Pastoral Assistant Heads of Year – Ms R Glorman , Mrs E Garvey , Miss C Lee & Mrs S Doran



Liverpool  
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Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian

#ASummerToRemember holiday activity programme is a packed summer programme bursting with great activities and delicious meals every day!

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Liverpool which also covers the Christmas holidays in 2021.

The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children.

Children will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the summer holidays, including specific provisions available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills.

To find out where your nearest scheme is please visit [www.merseyplay.com](http://www.merseyplay.com) . Information on contact details for local programmes in your area will be available from 8<sup>th</sup> July.  
If you have any queries regarding the HAF programme, please call MPAC on 0151 708 0468 or email [info@merseyplay.com](mailto:info@merseyplay.com).  
In addition to this programme, families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs> to find out more.

**Liverpool City Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The free places are funded by the Department for Education.**

We look forward to creating #ASummerToRemember for your child!

Regards

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## 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](https://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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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