

Newsletter

Friday 17th December 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this final newsletter of the term, we draw your attention to some key messages from Liverpool City Council as we prepare to protect ourselves and one another during the current wave of Omicron variant infections over the Christmas holiday. The full letter has already been circulated to parents and is again included within this week's newsletter.

COVID Testing

Over the holiday period, we are recommending that students test regularly. Lateral flow kits are available from school, [online](#) or they can be picked up from [chemists](#) across the city. As well as testing twice weekly and before going to big social gatherings through the holidays - please do test at home before returning in January. As mentioned in last week's newsletter students will also be provided with an onsite test when they return in January 2022. As with all previous testing offers, students will only be tested if we have received consent from parents. **No students will be tested without express consent from parents.** Any parents who would like their child to be tested on return must complete a consent form that can be accessed using this [link](#) or the QR code below. Please be aware that **parents who have already provided consent need to resubmit consent for this new round of tests.**



Vaccinations

Parents and eligible students are also encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted as soon as possible if you haven't already done so to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Those eligible are able to book their vaccine [online](#) or attend one of the [drop in](#) centres. Being fully vaccinated, including the booster dose when eligible, is the best way of protecting yourself and others from symptomatic illness as a result of the Omicron variant.

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Year 9 Parent Events

On our return to school in January, there are two Year 9 parent evening events in quick succession. These begin with our Year 9 Parents' Evening which will be held via the SchoolCloud online platform on Thursday 13th January. On Friday 14th January, our Options Evening videos will 'go live' and students will be issued with an options booklet and appointment slip for our virtual Options Evening, which will take place on Thursday 20th January. Our options evening will also be held virtually. Parents will be able to attend up to four subject question and answer sessions with course leaders to ensure your child's option choices are as informed as they can be.

Theme for the Week - Joy

Finally, during this third week of Advent, our theme for collective worship was Joy. Students have reflected on the Joy that entered the world when God's only son was born. I think all would agree that there is much need for Joy this Christmas as we brace ourselves for a second Christmas of COVID restrictions. In Mass this morning, Father Richard proclaimed that the true gift of Christmas can never be 'cancelled' or 'restricted'; we couldn't agree more! May the gifts of love, hope, joy and peace once again enter your homes this Christmas.

Merry Christmas

We would again like to thank staff, students, parents and governors for their unwavering support during this challenging term. As has been the case throughout the pandemic and at other times of trial and tragedy, our community has pulled together, galvanized and strengthened even further. We are incredibly proud and grateful.

Wishing all Notre Dame families and friends a safe, peaceful and holy Christmas filled with the joy of the coming of Jesus Christ.

Mr Duffy



SAFETY INFORMATION



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safer streets**



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City Council**

Dear All

It will soon be the start of the Christmas Holidays so a reminder about keeping safe on the roads during the festive period. As pedestrians checking all around with no distractions before crossing, especially when out and about with friends. It is important to be visible to the drivers and more so when dark, with extra care in icy and wet conditions.

If anyone is receiving new gifts such as bikes, skateboards, scooters so maybe look at including a helmet to give added protection when on the roads. Lights front & back plus reflectors are a legal requirement on bikes if cycling as it gets dark.

E-scooters if brought are only to be ridden on **private land at the owner's permission**, this is usually in small print when purchasing. They are not legal to be used on the Highway the only legal e-scooters are the Voi hire, you must have to be 18 or over with a driving licence to use them.

Remember when in the car all passengers are to wear seatbelts (unless exempt) for all journeys and children in the legal correct child car seat if required for their age and height. As a driver it is important to drive at the correct speeds with residential areas being 20mph.

Remember if you are a driver and have been drinking the night before you may not be safe to drive the following morning. Many motorists pulled over by the police and breathalysed are still over the limit the next day whilst driving. Alcohol stays in your system for a long period of time.....

<https://morning-after.org.uk>

Think about the safety of all Road Users

Have a safe & happy Christmas

Road Safety Team

Liverpool City Council



16th December 2021



Dear Parent / Carer,

We are writing to you again to thank you for supporting our joint effort against Covid-19 and to wish you and your family an enjoyable festive break.

Schools have faced many challenges to support children and families. They have worked tirelessly to keep children safe whilst continuing to provide quality education and we applaud their effort and dedication. Whilst this response may vary slightly from school to school, they are all working together for the benefit of the children in the city.

The emergence of the Omicron variant has given us a new challenge to keep our city residents safe. The Omicron variant is increasing at a fast rate and will likely become the dominant variant by the end of December. Therefore, we are setting out the steps we all need to take to help reduce the spread and keep ourselves and our loved ones safe over the holiday period.

Testing

Over the holiday period, we are asking all those over 11 years of age continue to test regularly. Lateral flow kits are available [online](#) or they can be picked up from [chemists](#) across the city. As well as testing twice weekly and before going to big social gatherings through the holidays - please do test at home before returning in January. Secondary aged pupils will also be provided with an onsite test when they return in January 2022.

Vaccinations

Please get vaccinated or boosted as soon as possible if you haven't already done so to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Eligible residents are able to book their vaccine [online](#) or attend one of our [drop in](#) centres. Being fully vaccinated, including the booster dose when eligible, is the best way of protecting yourself and others from symptomatic illness as a result of the Omicron variant.

Contacts of people with confirmed Covid-19

From 14th December there has been a change in government guidance around contacts of a confirmed case of Covid-19. Any double vaccinated adult or children between the age 5 years and 18 years and 6 months who are contacts of a confirmed case are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days.

If you take an LFD test and the result is positive, you should immediately self-isolate to prevent you from passing the infection on to other people. You should [arrange to have a PCR test](#). If this PCR test result is positive, you must self-isolate for 10 full days starting from the date the PCR test was taken. If this PCR test result is negative, you can stop self-isolating but you should continue to take your daily LFD tests.

If you are a contact of a confirmed case, it is also strongly recommended you minimise your contact with anybody who may be classed as vulnerable, to minimise the risk of further spread of covid19. Individuals who are not double vaccinated are still required to self-isolate as per government guidance [here](#).

We thank you again for your continued support and wish you all an enjoyable and safe Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Matt Ashton
Director of Public Health

Steve Reddy
Director of Children's Services

Key actions people can take to keep themselves and their communities safe

Get vaccinated

Get your booster when it's your turn <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-booster-vaccine/>

Continue to test regularly – with lateral flow tests

Wear face coverings in communal areas and when advised / appropriate to do so

Wear face coverings on public and school transport

Maximise ventilation

Maintain good hygiene – wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser

Self-isolate if not well with Covid-19 symptoms, and get PCR test asap

Self-isolate if asked by NHS Test and Trace

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Parents and carers - don't forget about your own self-care. Discover our supportive online mental well-being space for adults: **qwell.io**

The **CAMHS Crisis Care Team** provides support, advice and guidance to children, families and carers in crisis **Telephone: 0151 293 3577 or freephone 0808 196 3550**

Talk Liverpool have an urgent 24/7 mental health access line available during the current pandemic **Telephone 0151 296 7200 or the freephone number 0800 145 6570**

The Samaritans provide a listening service available to all Liverpool parents: **Tel: 116 123** free phone line available 24/7

28th November 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

A new COVID-19 variant of concern has been identified in the UK amidst high local infection rates. Concerns are that the new variant, called Omicron, can spread more quickly and may be more likely to cause reinfections of COVID-19. It is essential we act now to stop infections spreading in our homes, schools and communities.

From today, the Department for Education states, **'face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings for Year 7 and above by staff, visitors and pupils or students'**, unless they are exempt. Pupils or students (in year 7 or above) should also continue to wear face coverings on **public and dedicated school transport**, unless exempt.

Parents and carers, staff and visitors should wear face coverings both inside and around school premises where social distancing cannot be maintained such as **pick up and drop off** times. This guidance is further to the Liverpool Health Protection Board recommendations issued in October 2021.

Testing

In order to reduce any further impact on schools leading into Christmas, it is essential that eligible students continue to test weekly using the lateral flow devices provided to students by their schools. Testing helps identify cases early, and therefore reduces the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading within schools. Please make sure students are testing regularly (twice weekly), and report the results on the government website.

Vaccination

We must do everything we can to reduce both the current variants and any new variants from spreading through schools. All eligible adults and students aged 12 and over are strongly encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters.

Vaccines are our best defence against COVID-19. There has been some coverage in the media suggesting that the Omicron variant may be less responsive to the vaccine. The evidence on this is still emerging, but even if the vaccine is less responsive it will still help to protect young people and adults, and benefit those around them. Vaccination makes people less likely to catch the virus and less likely to pass it on. Any parents whose children have missed the opportunity to be

vaccinated as part of the school vaccination programme will be able to book a vaccine [here](#).

Contact tracing and the Omicron Variant

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test.

We appreciate everything you are doing to help us with this and thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Matt Ashton

Director of Public Health, Liverpool

Steve Reddy

Director of Children's Service, Liverpool

Key actions people can take to keep themselves and their communities safe

- Get vaccinated
- Get your booster when it's your turn
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-booster-vaccine/>
- Continue to test regularly – with lateral flow tests
- Wear face coverings in communal areas and when advised / appropriate to do so
- Wear face coverings on public and school transport
- Maximise ventilation
- Maintain good hygiene – wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser
- Self-isolate if not well with covid symptoms, and get PCR test asap
- Self-isolate if asked by NHS Test and Trace

NEARLY CHRISTMAS !!

'The year 10 Hospitality and Catering group attempted gingerbread houses this week as part of their lessons. They worked hard to construct their houses, with some collapsing and being put back together again! Below are some of the successful attempts.'



CHAPLAINCY

Miss Wall – School Chaplain

Chaplaincy plays a vital role in the life of every Catholic school: it offers fellowship and friendship; it allows each person deepen their relationship with God and it allows us to put our faith into action.

Games Club

Students in KS3 and KS4 gather together weekly in the Chaplaincy to play board games.



Since the start of this academic year Chaplaincy has led and helped co-ordinate lots of different events and activities within school such as the Macmillan Coffee Morning, Year 7 Dedication Service, 'Amelia's Day' and donations for Afghan children who have recently moved to Liverpool and are living in hotels.

After school on Thursday, Miss Wall and the R.E department delivered an Advent Reflection Afternoon for Key Stage 3 students. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to take some time out of their busy day and to reflect on what the Christmas story means to them. This was done through crafts, interactive prayer stations and a Christmas quiz.



ENRICHMENT

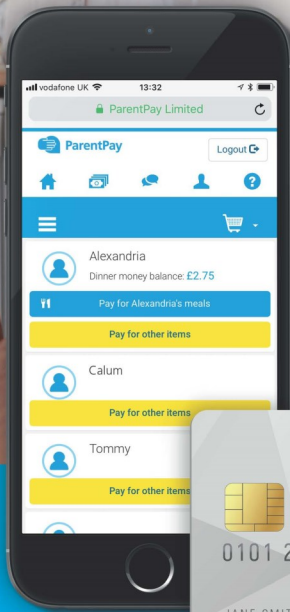
The Year 7s visited the Liverpool Lush store as part of a DT competition to design a product to raise awareness of environmental issues. They received a tour around the shop, a talk on sustainability and got to make their own bath bombs! The students really enjoyed the day.



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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

• 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



SAFEGUARDING

CONTACT US

Email: 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
Leadership/ Alternative Provision – Miss H McCullen
Attendance Officer – Mrs P Shrimpton
Special Educational Needs – Mrs K Sweeney
Pastoral Assistant Heads of Year – Ms R Glorman Y7, Mrs Doran Y8, Mrs E Garvey Y10, Miss C Lee Y11

You can still access support
over the holiday period



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including **Christmas Day**

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

W&H*!

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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SOURCES TikTok, appm



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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID



Drop in every Tuesday & Thursday
08.15 – 09.15
in
The Suite
(Next to referral)



Sometimes the smallest
things take up the most room
in our minds

WHISPER



whisper@ndcc

Who can use whisper@ndcc? *parents/carers/students*



- Do you need to inform the safeguarding team about a safeguarding issue?
- Would you like to do it anonymously?
 - *Neglect * Abuse * **Bullying** *Sexual harassment *Peer on Peer abuse *Threats
 - ***Criminal exploitation** *Drugs/Alcohol ***Worried about a friend**
- Use the QR code to access the online form or <https://forms.office.com/r/WfTPCfWANz>
- You can either fill in your name on the form or you can fill out the information anonymously – it is up to you! If you fill out your name and leave a contact number we will contact you.
- We **all** have a responsibility to help our young people before they come to harm
- The online reports will be monitored during term time and will be checked on a daily basis Monday to Friday
- **Remember – if someone is at risk you should phone Careline 0151 2333700 , if it is an emergency phone 999**

COVID ADVICE

Schools have been communicating directly with families and carers and keeping their individual websites updated and should always be the first place to go for advice about plans for getting back into the classroom.

However, we have put together the following frequently asked questions to answer some of the general questions about going back to school...

How do the [self-isolation changes of 16 August](#) affect school attendance?

If children and young people (aged 18 years & 6 months and under) have not tested positive for Covid, and they are not otherwise ill they are expected to be in school.

Anyone aged under 18 and 6 months who has been a close contact of someone who has tested positive is no longer required to self-isolate unless the child also has symptoms. They are advised to take a PCR test but they do not have to isolate whilst they wait for the results.

Students who are aged 18 years & 6 months and over will be treated as adults under the guidance and will not be expected to self-isolate if they have had a close contact provided they have received both Covid vaccinations and 14 days have passed since the second dose.

You can find out where drop-in Covid vaccination clinics are on [Liverpool CCG's website](#).

I think my child has Covid, what should I do?

If your child has symptoms, [please book a PCR test](#) and isolate until you have the results. If you receive a positive test result the child should self-isolate following the national guidance. If you need support whilst your family is self-isolating there is information on the [council's website](#).

Will children still be expected to take lateral flow tests (LFTs)?

Testing is voluntary, but it is encouraged as it is still one of the best ways to break the chain of infection.

We're encouraging secondary school pupils to take an LFT **before** they return to school.

When schools return, government guidance will be followed:

Nursery and primary school children – Do not need to take LFTs.

Secondary school pupils and college students – In the first week of term, two LFTs will be taken at school three to five days apart. In following weeks, two LFTs to be taken at home each week until the end of September.

Will testing continue after the end of September?

There will be a national review of all testing in September 2021 and this will inform the role of testing in school and other settings

What should I do if my child has a positive result on a lateral flow test?

They should self-isolate immediately and you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Other members of the household do not need to self-isolate whilst you await the PCR test result if they do not have symptoms and are aged under 18 years or are fully vaccinated.

Will pupils still be part of bubbles?

Bubbles were introduced to limit contact between groups. Schools are no longer required to do this, but they may be considered if there is an outbreak at the school.

What happens if there are positive cases in schools?

All schools and colleges are required to have outbreak management plans. Action may need to be taken if certain thresholds are met. If risks change significantly the Director of Public Health is able to implement further or different measures to protect population health.

Will school continue to inform us if there are positive cases in school?

Public Health England are currently advising schools that it is not necessary to send *warn and inform* letters for each pupil case. Parents will be informed if additional controls from the outbreak management plan need to be put in place.

Meanwhile schools will continue to maintain COVID prevention measures. This includes maximising ventilation, encouraging good hygiene, thorough cleaning and ensuring that anyone with COVID symptoms or positive test results do not come in to school.

Will children be made to have a vaccination?

No-one will be made to have a vaccination, but having both doses of the vaccination is still the best way of preventing people from becoming very ill with Covid-19.

The national vaccination programme is now open to anyone aged 16 and over. Sixteen and 17-year-olds will be contacted by their GPs and are not able to book vaccinations online.

I would like my child to have a vaccination as there is someone in my household who is vulnerable but my child is younger than 16.

Vaccinations are being offered to 12-15-year-olds if they have an underlying health condition or if someone they live with is immunosuppressed. You should speak to your child's GP.

Will my child have to wear a face covering in the classroom?

Guidance states that face coverings do not need to be worn in the classroom. But if your child travels to school or college on public transport that is crowded and they can't socially distance it is a good idea to wear a face covering if they are able.

Parents are encouraged to wear face coverings at the school gates particularly if social distancing isn't possible.

Will normal school activities now be taking place?

Yes, activities such as sports, singing, playing wind or brass instruments, and going on trips and excursions are now allowed to take place.

My child is anxious about returning to school is there any support?

The last year and a half has been especially tough for our children and young people. If your child is worried about returning to the classroom please speak to the school in the first instance. They can also get help and advice online such as at www.kooth.com

ATTENDANCE & UNIFORM

Attendance and Punctuality

The school's attendance officer is Mrs P Shrimpton

From 3rd September 2021 all students are expected to attend school.

All students should arrive at school before 8:40 a.m. to ensure they have enough time to be at their form classes for 8:45 a.m. Parents/carers must ensure that students leave home in plenty of time to get to school on time.

Breakfast - Students are able to have breakfast in school after 8 a.m. in the lower canteen

Appointments - Please do not make medical / dental appointments for students during school hours. Any appointments during school time will only be authorised with a letter or appointment card.

Holidays - Term Dates are included in this newsletter - please do not book holidays during term times. Any holidays booked during term time will be unauthorised unless with the prior agreement of the headteacher.

Pastoral Team

If you need to speak to a member of the pastoral team you can contact them via class charts messages.

Mrs Brennan - Senior Assistant Headteacher

Mr McKeon - Leadership Team / Director of Behaviour

Mr Campbell - Leadership Team / Director of Behaviour

Year 7 - Head of Year - Miss Wishart Assistant Head of Year - Ms Glorman

Year 8 - Head of Year - Mr Appleton Assistant Head of Year - Mrs Doran

Year 9 - Head of Year - Mrs Crosslind Assistant Head of Year - Mrs Littleboy

Year 10 - Head of Year - Mr Bond Assistant Head of Year - Mrs Garvey

Year 11 - Head of Year - Mrs Smith Assistant Head of Year - Ms Lee

Uniform standards

Please find attached the appropriate shoe guidance which is part of our school uniform. Parents/carers were provided with a letter regarding uniform and the details of appropriate shoes in the summer term. The information is also available on the school website. If pupils come into school with the wrong footwear from Monday 6th September 2021 they will be given an alternative pair of shoes provided by school. Any queries please speak to your son/daughter's Head of Year.

ACCEPTABLE AND NON-ACCEPTABLE SHOES



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



Plain Black Patent



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Polishable Shoe
Black**



**Non-Polishable Shoe
Trainer**



**Embellishment not same colour as shoe
Embellishment not flat to shoe
Open toe**



Embellishment not same colour as shoe