



# CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **POST 16 - Important Information on the return to School – September 2021**

The information included in this correspondence advises:

- 1) Date of Lateral Flow Testing for year groups and specific time slots**
- 2) The date each year group return to school**
- 3) Important information about changes to the school bus provision**

We hope you and your families are well and enjoying the summer break.

The government released their latest school opening guidance on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021. We have now met with the Local Authority and the Health and Safety co-ordinator for the Holy Cross MAC to finalise our opening plans

The Government has confirmed that all schools are required to offer two in-school Lateral Flow Tests (LFT). In all cases parental consent will be required to administer the testing. Schools have been given discretion on staggering the start of the Autumn term to accommodate testing. Testing is not compulsory and is done on a voluntary basis.

We would like to start our school term as soon as possible and will therefore begin testing before the start of the academic year to minimise disruption to teaching and learning. Students will be invited in to complete a LFT on the dates and times detailed below. Students do not need to wear their uniform on this day and if accompanied by an adult we ask that parents wait in their vehicles or the car park. Access to the site will be via the car park. We ask students to wear a mask, where possible on their first test visit. As soon as the result is returned (approx. 20mins) students will be free to go home. Parents will be advised if a test result is returned positive.

Please see below specific arrangements for each year group. Students are allocated times on the initial of their surname. It is important students keep to their allocated time provision.

Year Group	Date	Surname A-M Testing time	Surname N-Z Testing time
Year 12 & 13	Tuesday 7 September	11.30-12.30	1- 3pm
Year 12	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	9-10am	10.15-11.30am

Year 13 will return to their lessons on Wednesday 8 September. They will receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> test on Friday if they have lesson that day. If they do not have lessons they will be contacted to attend for a LFT at an allocated time.

Year 12 students will return to lessons week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September. The sixth form team will be contacting students about their subject choices and timetables.

**In March 95% of parents gave consent to LFT testing which helped support the return to school after the last lockdown. If consent was given in March this will be applied to the testing in September. If you no longer wish your child to partake in LFT testing and have previously given consent, please contact the school.**



**If your child is not taking part in the testing, they must not return to school until the return date for their year group. If you are unsure of your previous consent and wish your child to be tested there is a paper consent slip that your child can bring with them on their test day.**

If you cannot attend your allocated slot please telephone the school and we can make alternative arrangements. We hope by identifying any positive cases before we return to school we can avoid future disruption to teaching and learning.

**Earlier in the year we sent correspondence from the local authority who were reviewing the school bus provision. They have advised us of the following decisions:**

The merging of the S32/62 (National Express) services. This service has been renamed the S36 and will run between both Cardinal Newman and Coundon Court. Please see the route below:

Route

Four Pounds Avenue, Queensland Avenue, Hearsall Lane, Broad Lane, Dunchurch Highway, Rye Hill, The Windmill Hill, Browns Lane, Wall Hill Rd, Brownhill Green Road, Coundon Green, Coundon Court School, Hollyfast Road, Norman Place Road, Keresley Green Road, Bennetts Road South, Sandpits Lane, Cardinal Newman Catholic School.

Timetable

<b>AM Journey</b>		<b>PM Journey</b>	
Four Pounds Avenue	07.45	Cardinal Newman Catholic School	15.25
Broad Lane, Wildcroft Lane	07.51	The Scotchill	15.27
Allesley Green, Neale Avenue	07.55	Coundon Court School	15.31
Brownhill Green	08.01	Brownhill Green	15.38
Coundon Court School	08.08	Allesley Green, Neale Avenue	15.44
The Scotchill	08.15	Broad Lane, Wildcroft Lane	15.48
Cardinal Newman Catholic School	08.17	Four Pounds Avenue	15.54

**Sadly, the number 5 bus service has been discontinued.**

We will be updating parents and the community on our latest Risk Assessment in relation to COVID later this week, after it has been through final approval.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully



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**CONSENT FORM** - If you have **NOT** already completed the online form, please complete the form below.

Child's Name: ..... Child's Date of Birth: ..... Year Group: .....

I consent to my child receiving a Lateral Flow Test.

Parent/Carer Signature: ..... Name: .....

