



CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 7 Lateral Flow Testing and Transition Day

We hope that you and your families are well at this time.

We very much look forward to welcoming your child into our school community in September.

The government released their latest school opening guidance on 17th 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. To support a smooth start to the term, please read the information below very carefully.

Wednesday 1 September: Lateral Flow Testing

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 are inviting all Year 7 students in for their tests on Wednesday 1 September. 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 through 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 released to go home. Parents will be advised if a test result is returned positive.

Please see below time slots for Year 7. 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 7	Wednesday 1 September	8.30-10am	10.30am-12pm

Consent can be given via the following ways:

1. Click on the following link and complete the online form.
<https://forms.office.com/r/njJ5MD09eP>
2. Complete the consent form at the end of this letter.

Please note that as this may be the first time students have taken a lateral flow test, we will be providing nasal swab tests only. We are also asking that students remain on the school site until the results are confirmed. This takes approximately 20 minutes.

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.



Transition Day - Friday 3rd September: Entrance/exit gates and vehicle access

On Friday 3rd September, only Year 7 students will be in school. Entrance to the school site will be allowed from 8.15am. If arriving by car, please be aware that vehicle access is via the top gate only (the middle gate is exit only) and parents/carers must remain in their vehicle at all times. If students are arriving by foot, the Cinder Path entrance gate will also be open (Bennetts Road) and staff will be directing students accordingly. Please note that the Tamworth Road gate will not be open for entrance on this day.

At the end of the school day, vehicles can access the site from 3.00pm; the gates will not be open before this. We expect a high volume of vehicles and delays so please be patient. Upon entering the site, you will be asked the name of the child you are collecting and we will radio for them to be brought down to the car park safely. If students are leaving the site by foot, or if they are being collected from a different location, the following gates will be open for them to exit: Cinder Path (Bennetts Road) and Tamworth Road Gate.

All students will be required to inform their tutor how they will be getting home on this day. Please complete the 'Getting Home Slip' below, which your child should hand into their tutor on Friday 3 September.

Students will not need to bring their PE kits in to school week commencing 6 September.

Usual Access to School Site

Students arriving by vehicle

Vehicles will only be permitted to access the site to drop off students between 8.00-8.20am. Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles at all times. There is a lot of traffic in the area at this time and some parents find it beneficial to drop students near the school site and students access the site via one of the pedestrian gates. No vehicles can access the site before 8.00am and after 8.20am. The Cinder Path and Tamworth Road gates will be open from 8.00am.

Collecting students by vehicle

Students who are being collected by car will be lined up and vehicles will be able to access school site from 3.30pm onwards; 3.00pm on Tuesdays. No vehicles will be given access before these times due to health and safety.

School Bus Services

The Local Authority have made changes city wide on school transport with the following outcome.

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

AM Journey		PM Journey	
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.

Lunch - The canteen will provide a complimentary lunch for Year 7 on the 3 and 6 September. If your child has any food allergies or intolerance please contact the school directly.

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.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Ms E O'Connor
Headteacher



Mrs K Perkins
Assistant Headteacher

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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:

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GETTING HOME SLIP – please complete. To be handed in to your child's tutor

Child's Name:

How are you getting home: Friday 3 September: Bus Walk Collected

Monday 6 September: Bus Walk Collected

(Please circle)



Apps for Parents



Schoolgateway



At Cardinal Newman we use a variety of apps to help parents:

School Gateway

The school gateway is now ONLY used for payments. We no longer use this for communicating with parents or allowing them access to see their child's attendance and behaviour points etc. This app is only used to top up your child's dinner money account.

If you're having trouble logging in, it may be because the school does not have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

Xpressions

This app can be used to see your child's Achievement points, Behaviour points, attendance and send and receive messages from the school.

Logging in help: <http://parents.groupcall.com/>

ClassCharts

This app can be used to see your child's Homework and also their Achievement points, Behaviour points, attendance attendance.

Logging in help: <http://parents.groupcall.com/>

For further information and to download these apps, please visit – <https://www.cncs.school/parents/apps-for-parents>

