



# CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **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 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 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.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Surname A-M Testing time</b>	<b>Surname N-Z Testing time</b>
Year 7	Wednesday 1 September	8.30-10am	10.30am-12pm
Year 11	Wednesday 1 September	12.30- 1.45pm	2-3.30pm
Year 8	Thursday 2 September	8.45am – 10am	10.30am-12pm
Year 9	Thursday 2 September	12.45-2pm	2 -3.30pm
Year 10	Friday 3 September	9.30 -11am	11.30am-1pm
	Friday 3 September	1.30pm Contingency appointments	

**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.

Please see the table below for the return to school (full-time) for each year group. Post 16 students will be receiving separate confirmation on their dates.

### **Return to School Dates**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Finish time</b>
Year 7	Friday 3 September	8.40am	3.10pm
Year 11 & 7	Monday 6 September	8.40am	3.10pm
Year 8, 9, 11 & 7	Tuesday 7 September	8.40am	2.40pm
Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11	Wednesday 8 September	8.40am	3.10pm

Students will receive their second test as part of the school day when they have fully returned.

### **School Bus Services**

**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.

**Uniform Reminder**

Students are expected to wear full uniform on their return to school. No nail varnish, jewellery or trainers are permitted. Hair dye not in line with school uniform policy should be removed before returning to school. If you have any concerns or difficulty in purchasing uniform please do not hesitate in contacting the school. PE kit is not required until week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September

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

Yours faithfully



**Ms E O'Connor**  
**Headteacher**



**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: .....

