

*Cardinal Newman Catholic School*

# e-Bulletin

*Welcome to the weekly e-Bulletin, highlighting forthcoming events and school news. For further information about news & forthcoming events please visit our website [www.cardinalnewmanschool.net](http://www.cardinalnewmanschool.net)*



*"Together towards our Lord,  
through learning,  
love and faith"*

10 December 2021

Dear parents / carers

St John Henry Newman encourages us be alert during this season of Advent, to be expectant and 'looking out' for Christ during this season. Please do find some time in prayer with your children over the coming week and maybe focus on these words and what they can mean for you.

There was an error on last week's bulletin. The last day of term is the 17<sup>th</sup> December and we will finish at 3pm NOT 2pm. Apologies for the confusion.

## **IMPORTANT**

**Due to the significant level of staff absence I have had to make the difficult decision (in consultation with LBC) to ask Year 9 to stay at home on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Work will set on TEAMS there will no live lessons due to the teachers in school having to cover for colleagues. Year 9 will then return to school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

## **CAROL SERVICE**

Please note that all of the tickets for our Carol Service have now gone. We had to place a limit on numbers to 120 to reduce risks of COVID infection. Apologies to those who would have liked to join us for what is always a beautiful and prayerful liturgy.

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Catholic churches in Luton have invited young people in Year 8 and above to register if they would like to join a programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The deadline for registration is at the beginning of January. For St Mary's, Dunstable, young people in Year 9 and above are invited to register. See individual parish websites and newsletters for details of how to register.

Sacred Heart parish in Stopsley are looking for volunteers to lead a programme of preparation for Confirmation. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office for more details.

## **FACE MASKS**

Please can I remind the whole community that face masks are now mandatory for all, this includes staff, parents and pupils. We have a supply of masks in school, but these are here in the rare event that pupils and staff forget theirs and for visitors. Please ensure that all pupils come to school with their own supply of masks.

## **AST TESTING**

Thank you to all the families that have given consent to their children being tested on-site in January. The form for this is now closed.

As ever, below are some reminders for you to read.

With prayers for Advent,  
Andrew Bull  
**Headteacher**

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### **Last Day of Term**

The last day of term is **FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. We will be finishing school at **15.00**.

### **Uniform**

Please check the uniform policy in the student planners so that you are aware of all the high expectations.

### **Collecting pupils by car**

**No** cars are allowed on site between 3pm and 3.50pm (except where permission has been given in advance). For the safety and welfare of all pupils please support the school in this. If you need to pick up your child by car then wait until after 3.15 or collect them from somewhere close to the school, away from Warden Hill Road.

Do follow all that we are up to on our Twitter feed [@CNSLuton](#) and Instagram feed [@CNSLuton](#)

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### **Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December**

<b><i>This is Week 1 on the timetable</i></b>	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 9 not in school 7-8pm Carol Service
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas dinner
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	P1 – Whole school liturgy
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	P5 – Year group Assemblies

### **Upcoming dates**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Whole school returns

### **Covid Update - Plan B (from the government)**

Information for all education and childcare settings on implementing Plan B of the COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan

The Government is clear on the critical importance of not disrupting the education of children and young people and the Government will prioritise keeping all education and childcare settings open. The measures set out below will support this.

#### **Attendance**

School attendance remains mandatory and all the usual rules continue to apply. Enabling children and young people to attend their education setting regularly continues to be a national priority. As usual, schools are able to grant leaves of absence for pupils in exceptional circumstances.

#### **Face coverings**

Face coverings should be worn by pupils and students in year 7 and above (which would be children who were aged 11 on 31 August 2021), staff and visitors in communal areas, unless exempt. This is a temporary measure. Pupils and students in year 7 and above in these settings must also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and should wear it on dedicated transport to and from school, college, or higher education provider. We do not recommend that pupils and staff wear face coverings in classrooms.

#### **Wrap around provision**

Schools and early years settings should continue to offer their usual before and after-school activities, including wraparound childcare. These activities provide valuable childcare for working parents and carers and promote the wellbeing of children and young people.

#### **Testing**

We strongly encourage all those involved in education and childcare settings to continue regular testing (LFD not PCR) and reporting their results, and to encourage pupils and students in year 7 and above to test and report their results. Settings are strongly encouraged to ask parents, guardians and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering the setting.

#### **Isolation**

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will continue to be required to self-isolate and asked to book a PCR test. The Government plans to introduce Daily Contact Testing as soon as possible as an alternative to self-isolation for contacts of positive Omicron cases who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months.