



School Plan

RESET & RECONNECT

NOVEMBER 2020

SUPPLEMENTARY Information v2

“The Lord urges us to remember, repair, rebuild, and to do so together, never forgetting those who suffer”

Pope Francis 16th June 2020

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This document highlights changes in:

- Our ‘COVID journey’ thus far
- Self-isolation of groups of pupils
- Blended Learning
- Uniform

Since 1st September we have run the school in as normal as a way as is possible during an international pandemic. Our basic principles (below) with which we have approached this term have not filtered.

Basic Principles

- to create as safe an environment as possible for staff and pupils
- Maintain the breadth and depth of the curriculum
- Enable pupils to study well and receive the specialist teaching that they are entitled to
- Enable pupils to make rapid progress in each of their subjects
- Provide environments to *reconnect* with friends and develop new friendships
- As a school *reset* our expectations of each other and the pupils

Our 'COVID journey' thus far

- 40: the number of school days the School has been fully open since 1 September 2020 (all of them)
- 1900+: the size of the School's onsite community
- 96%: pupil attendance across the Advent Term to date (greater than the same period for the previous year)
- 95%: staff attendance (greater than the same period for the previous year)
- 111: All teachers are prepared to deliver remote learning via MS Teams
- 4: the number of our own in house SLT COVID COBRA meetings to monitor and manage the risks associated with the pandemic
- 3: the number of confirmed COVID positive cases amongst our on-site community

We have had a tremendous start to the year. The above statistics are a clear indication of how well we are doing!

This document builds on all the prior documents and the organisation of the school remains much the same. As we learn more about managing the school and year groups during this pandemic it has become clear that we can 'tweak' our original plan to maximise the progress made and the safety of all our community.

We have really embraced the REST & RECONNECT theme of the year so far. We are striving for Great teaching, Great behaviour, Focus on Oracy, Kindness and developing Character. These are all key areas that we are addressing over the coming months and year. We are already delivering great lessons and behaviour has never been better at CNS.

Positive cases of COVID-19

If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in a year-group we will now no longer send home the whole year group. Classes are settled and we have comprehensive seating plans in each of the classrooms and should a pupil test positive for COVID-19, instead of requiring a whole year group to self-isolate it will only be:

- I. All pupils who sit:
 - a. directly either side of the pupil, who has tested positive, in each of their classes
 - b. two pupils behind and the two pupils in front
- ➔ Maximum of **SIX** pupils from each class that the pupil is in will therefore be sent home

2. Friendship group of the pupil
3. If the pupil concerned uses a school bus then all pupils on that bus will also be required to self-isolate.

When pupils are not in lessons they are outside this means that we can mitigate against a whole year missing their on-site education. For all the pupils who are at home they can access the lessons as they are happening by signing in to TEAMS and ‘joining’ each of their lessons live. This has been called BLENDED learning over the last months.

Blended Learning

Pupils who are at home due to isolating are expected to engage in their learning and attend their lessons as normal (unless they are too unwell to do so).

In most cases when ‘joining’ these lessons the pupil will:

1. See the screen and board that the teacher is using
2. Hear the teachers’ voice (in all likelihood they will not see them)
3. They will be able to participate by asking questions in the TEAMS chat.
4. At all times their microphone must be on mute and they should have their camera off.

Uniform

Uniform is a key part of the school where we have extremely high expectations. All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. Considering the current COVID situation there is some further guidance below.

- on PE days pupils **MUST** continue to wear school PE kit with plain navy jogging bottoms – PE days are not to be considered Non-Uniform-Days. There will be sanctions for pupils wearing their PE kit on days when they have PE lessons.
- hoodies are not allowed in school and pupils need to wear a school coat when outside
- pupils are encouraged to wear a plain long-sleeved or short sleeved t-Shirt under their school shirt as they will not be able to wear coats in lessons. Boys are encouraged to wear a school jumper under their blazer.
- during these COVID times we will allow pupils to wear hats, gloves and scarves within the school building as they move between lessons **BUT** they must take them off promptly when they arrive at their lesson.
- pupils with specific medical conditions will be assessed on a case by case basis.

If any family needs support purchasing uniform, coats or shoes please contact our family support worker Mrs Brown: nbrown@cardinalnewmanschool.net