

Cardinal Newman Catholic School

e-Bulletin

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

Dear parent and carer

This is a slightly longer bulletin than normal as I aim to outline the guidance that we have received regarding face masks in our school.

All schools in Luton have received a letter from Sally Cartwright (Director of Public Health). I quote several sections of it below:

"Government updated its guidance on Education and Early Years settings on 19th January and this can be found here Contingency framework: education and childcare settings (publishing.service.gov.uk). The key measures of note are:

- 1. Those measures which were part of the Government's "Plan B" are being lifted:
 - a. From 20th January, face coverings are no longer required in classrooms in secondary schools*
 - b. From 27th January, face coverings will no longer be required in communal areas**
- 2. The roll out of vaccination to clinically vulnerable children aged 0-11 and 12-17 means that shielding for most children is no longer needed*

Although infections from the Omicron wave are declining nationally, we are seeing a slower decline locally and this decline is not yet being seen in school settings. So, locally we are asking all of our residents to remain vigilant and take basic measures to protect themselves and others to reduce the spread of the virus, while continuing with their normal lives. For example, regular hand washing, continuing to wear face covering in crowded settings, taking regular tests before meeting people, and meeting outside or in places which are well ventilated where possible."

*"Cases in school settings mean disruption to education, challenges in roll out of vaccination, and risk of infection in staff and therefore implications on the running of the school. For these reasons, and aligned with the contingency framework which allows specific advice depending on the local situation, **we strongly advise the continuation of wearing of face coverings in communal areas by visitors, staff and secondary age students in all schools. This will be reviewed again at half term, with further epidemiological data available to us.**"*

"Schools may step up further measures as part of the contingency framework, depending on individual outbreak situations, for example: Social distancing and reduce crowding (eg. staggered start and end times); face coverings in classrooms for staff and secondary pupils; limiting school trips, open days, transition/taster days, parental attendance, live performances."

At Cardinal Newman **we will therefore continue to wear face masks in communal areas of the buildings** (corridors etc.). Masks in classrooms will be optional (staff and pupils can choose to wear them), this will remain the case until half term (Friday 11th February).

I have also received the following information regarding the settlement status for EU, EEA or Swiss citizens:

Important Information for EU, EEA or Swiss Citizens!

Did you know that although the deadline has passed, you can still apply to the EU Settlement Scheme for Settled or Pre-Settled status?

If you haven't, it is important that you do so if you want to keep your rights to live, work or study in the UK and access healthcare and benefits.

An application must also be made for every eligible child within a family even if the parent(s) have already applied and been granted a status themselves.

If you need to check whether you need to apply, Citizens Advice can help:

By phone: 01582 544778

By email: eussadvice@lutoncab.org.uk

Via website: <https://www.citizensadvice.luton.org.uk/eu-settled-status/>

Advice can be given about applying as well as help to complete applications, or to give follow up support about refusals, evidencing the correct documents, contacting the Resolution Centre and switching from Pre-settled to Settled status.

If you have any concerns regarding this information please contact the number above.

Aside from the above we continue to make strides towards the half term. I have been speaking to the pupils each week through a recorded message reminding them about the standards that we expect in terms of conduct, work and uniform. Please so support the school with these, in particular the expectations around uniform and the wearing of masks.

I wish you all a blessed weekend.

Andrew Bull
Headteacher

Week beginning 31st January

This is Week 2 on the timetable	
Monday 31st	Year 12 Revision Week Year 13 Resit Week Year 11 Careers Interviews
Tuesday 1st	Year 12 Revision Week Year 13 Resit Week Year 11 Careers Interviews
Wednesday 2nd	Year 12 Revision Week Year 13 Resit Week Year 11 Careers Interviews
Thursday 3rd	Year 12 Revision Week Year 13 Resit Week Year 11 Careers Interviews Year 8 Art & Design Careers Day Year 9 into 10 Options Evening
Friday 4th	Year 12 Revision Week Year 13 Resit Week Year 11 Careers Interviews D.E.A.R. p4 15.00-17.00 – Headteacher Detention