



Newsletter Issue 105

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the families of all students who are reading this newsletter for the first time, especially those of our new Year7 students who have made an exceptional start in the Cardinal Wiseman family. Secondly, I would like to thank all of our parents, carers and students in all other Year groups for the wonderful return to school that everyone has enjoyed this week.

Although some of our systems have been tweaked, the students have settled back into school life superbly well. We are always incredibly proud of our young people but even more so now when they have returned showing adaptability, politeness, calmness, maturity and supportiveness for each other and our staff. We know that there is no perfect solution to the challenges that we have faced, but our students have managed magnificently in the circumstances.

Yesterday, the Local Education Authority have taken the pre-emptive measure to recommend that all students in secondary schools have a face covering for movement through internal areas of the school from Monday 14 September. This is also for families at drop off/pick up points, and for our staff on duty in those areas. Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement about preventing groups of more than six people gathering together from Monday, can we ask you to be mindful of this if you are around the gates and that you social distance from staff and other families.

We are all still adjusting to different practices and so there will be an element of discovering what works and what might need to be adjusted. This week on Tuesday, we celebrated the Nativity of Mary, who undertook a vocation in giving birth to God's only son. Her journey was difficult and full of obstacles, and we pray that we can be inspired by her faith and self-belief to carry on when we encounter hardships in our own lives.

I hope that you are all safe and well, and enjoy a happy and holy weekend.

God bless,

Mr Everett



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Please note that these dates have been amended to come into line with Warwickshire schools.



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## Terms & Holiday Dates 2020 ~ 2021

<b>TERM</b>	<b>STUDENT DATES</b>	<b>TEACHER DAYS</b>
<b>Autumn 2020</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  <b>Half Term Break</b> Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November  <b>Christmas Holiday</b> Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – INSET</b> <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET</b>
<b>Spring 2021</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April  <b>Half Term Break</b> Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February  <b>Easter Holiday</b> Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March to Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET</b> <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January -INSET</b> <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Romero Day</b>
<b>Summer 2021</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July  Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May  <b>Half Term Break</b> Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June  <b>Summer Holiday begins</b> Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>

# Schools and COVID-19 – Frequently Asked Questions

The following are FAQs based on COVID-19 guidance and questions asked by schools. The answers are based on government guidance and are completed by Public Health and Coventry City Council Education.

## Does my child need to wear a mask in school?

From Monday 14 September, the Local Authority are advising that Secondary and Post 16 age students wear face coverings in areas outside the classrooms where social distancing cannot easily be maintained (e.g. communal areas inside the school buildings including moving between lessons).

They are advising this, as a pre-emptive measure, to prevent a further rise in numbers which may result in tighter restrictions in Coventry.

## Who should stay away from school (with regard to COVID-19)?

Any member of the school community (pupils, staff and other adults) should not come into school if they:

- Have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last 10 days. · Are in a household (or support bubble) with individuals who have been tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last 14 days.
- Have been contacted through the NHS Test and Trace programme and been advised to stay at home

## Should pupils and members of the school community be coming into school with colds?

If they have any of the COVID-19 symptoms they should not be coming into school. If, however, people do not have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they and their households do not need to self-isolate. Children can go to school if fit to do so.

## When should pupils (or other members of the school community) go for a COVID-19 test?

- When they are showing COVID-19 symptoms – new, continuous cough or a high temperature or loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell.
- COVID-19 tests are not needed in other circumstances, unless otherwise directed by the local authority or Public Health England, based on risk assessment of individual cases or situations.

## How long should the person with COVID-19 symptoms self isolate for?

They should self-isolate for at least 10 days.

However, if the person has a COVID-19 test and this is negative, then they can return to school when well (and have not had a fever for 48 hours).

Please see the following guidance about self-isolation: - [Stay at home link](#)

- If the person tests positive, they should self-isolate for the full 10 days

### **A child has COVID-19 symptoms, but their parent does not want their child to be tested. What should happen?**

The child must self-isolate for 10 days from the start of COVID-19 symptoms, after which they can return to school.

### **How do you get a COVID-19 test?**

Tests can be accessed through the on line portal at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> or by phoning 119

### **Where do you go in Coventry to get a COVID-19 test?**

The options are:

- Home testing – via the online portal at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Ricoh Regional Testing Centre - drive through testing – via [online portal](#) or phone 119
- Moat Street Car Park – mobile testing unit – drive through – via [online portal](#) or phone 119
- Broad Street, Foleshill (next to Broad Street Surgery) – local testing service – walk in – via [online portal](#) ( but will also take people who turn up) or phone 119

### **What's the turnaround time to get COVID-19 test results back?**

Turnaround rates are within 24-48 hours and test results are sent directly to the parent/carer.

Home testing kits tend to take longer.

### **What should the symptomatic person do if they test NEGATIVE for COVID-19?**

- The symptomatic person must let the school know the COVID-19 test result.
- If the person with symptoms tests negative for COVID-19, they are allowed to return to school if they are well, including not having a temperature for 48 hours AND anyone in their household who have COVID-19 symptoms have also tested negative. (This is important as there remains some risk of false negatives).
- Their household can also stop isolating if those criteria are met.
- The only exception to this is if the individual tests negative and they are a contact of a confirmed case, in which case they need to continue to self-isolate for the full 14 days.

### **What happens if the person tests POSITIVE for COVID-19?**

- The person must follow the stay at home guidance and must continue to self isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they are well (and have not had a high temperature for 48 hours)
- Note that symptoms of a cough or loss of sense of smell/taste may persist, as they can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill.
- Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

# Travel briefing for schools affected by the former De Courcey routes

The following former De Courcey route has been re-procured by Transport for West Midlands and began running fully on Wednesday 9 September. The providers of the route is Thandi.

## 112 Gosford Green via Willenhall - Cardinal Wiseman School

Transport for West Midlands have confirmed that the providers all have drivers who are DBS enhanced checked, which is in line with the Department of Education guidance.

It is recognised that parents may have been unable to sort bus passes in time, and the operators are unable to take individual fares. The operators have therefore been allowing students on the buses without a pass for the first couple of weeks.

### **From the 14 September students will require a pass to access the service.**

The ticket required is an n-bus ticket. There are four options available, please see the table below. These can either be purchased from the Travel Shop located at Coventry Bus Station or online using the links below. A photograph of the student will need to be provided. Online purchases can take up to five days to be delivered.

Once you have the n-bus ticket, as well as being able to travel on school services, it will also cover travel on all buses, at all times across the region.

Ticket Type	Price	Buy Online
Child 1 week n-bus	£9.20	<a href="https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/46">https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/46</a>
Child 4 week n-bus	£34.50	<a href="https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/52">https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/52</a>
Child nbus term (valid until 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 20)	£108	<a href="https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/544">https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/544</a>
Child Monthly Direct Debit	£32	<a href="https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/58">https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/58</a>

The service will also accept n-network tickets.

If parents have already purchased a National Express Bus ticket, this ticket will also be accepted for a limited period until the ticket expires but you must change to an nbus ticket on your next purchase.



## Transport to School in September 2020

Local authorities in England have received guidance from the Department for Education on taking measures to reduce risk on dedicated home to school or college transport, and managing capacity and demand on public transport.

This guidance will apply from the start of the autumn term and may be of interest to parents. It is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020>



### A message of thanks from John Crabtree, Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands



John Crabtree OBE  
Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands

As the representative of Her Majesty The Queen in the West Midlands, I would like to thank you for the contribution you have made to the County during these extraordinary and difficult times.

No matter how large or small, the innovation, collaboration, humanity and selfless service shown by so many across the region during the Covid-19 pandemic has been truly inspiring.

**Thank you**

John Crabtree OBE  
Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands



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## Online Award Ceremony for the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards



Due to Covid-19, the usual award event for the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards could not take place.

A virtual awards ceremony has been produced by the Schools Library Service and Cardinal Wiseman student, Ishaal in Year 8, was asked to present one of the winning books, "Toad Attack" by Patrice Lawrence. Ishaal produced the video in her own time during lockdown.

Use the following link to watch Ishaal's, and other schools', reviews of the winning books .

[Coventry Inspiration Book Awards](#)



Doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award is a great chance for students to broaden their horizons, discover new interests, have fun, boost their mental and physical health, gain essential skills and achieve a highly respected award that can enhance their CV and job interviews.

DofE programmes can be done safely and in line with social distancing and Government guidelines – with all the usual benefits, experiences and memories.

There will be meetings in the Sixth Form Centre after school for new starters as follows:

Direct Gold, Year 12 new starters - Monday 14 September

Bronze new starters in Year 9 - Wednesday 16 September

Year 10 who wish to start Silver - Thursday 15 September

Mrs Jefferson



## ATTENDANCE

With the present COVID-19 situation, it is crucial that you keep the school informed of any change in your child's attendance, whatever the reason. It is important to contact the school everyday your child is absent.

If anyone in your household is given a COVID-19 test, the school needs to be notified of the results, even the test proves negative.

The team is always available to support parents and pupils with their attendance.  
Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Attendance



# TRY OUR FANTASTIC NEW CATERING SERVICE

Week One				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Marinated Chicken Fillet Burger</b> spicy dice potatoes, Salad, & Sauces	<b>Chicken Tikka Curry</b> Steamed rice, naan	<b>Potato and Meat Pie</b> Pastry crust, and Seasonal Vegetables	<b>Spicy Chicken kebabs,</b> Salad, Chilli Sauce, Mint Yogurt, Vegetable Rice	<b>Battered Fish &amp; Chips</b> Baked Beans Or Mushy Peas
<b>Quorn Southern Style Burger</b> spicy dice potatoes, Salad, & Sauces	<b>Veggie Chilli</b> Steamed rice	<b>Chilli Bean Burrito</b> Wedges & Cajun 'slaw	<b>Quorn Kebab Flatbread, served as above</b>	<b>Pizza style Cheese Whirls</b> Chips & beans
And There's More....				
<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>	<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>	<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>	<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>	<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>
<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>	<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>	<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>	<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>	<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>
<b>If you have specific dietary requirements - Please ask for advice or Allergen information</b>				



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# Warning regarding social media posts - Suicide

It has come to our attention that there is an extremely graphic video currently trending on TikTok of a man live-streaming his suicide. Whilst TikTok have stated that they are doing their best to remove the video, it has now been shared across a number of different platforms, hundreds of thousands of times including under fake captions. Some captions on TikTok are as trivial as 'look at the pasta I cooked tonight' before the video then plays therefore children can come across the video without even searching for it.

It really cannot be stressed enough that this video is extremely distressing and organisations across Coventry and Warwickshire are urging children, parents and carers to avoid the app whilst this video is in such high circulation.

It is advised that if anyone has witnessed the video they must seek appropriate support whether that be from a parent, carer, teacher or from any of the mental health support services below.

CW Mind [www.cwmind.org.uk](http://www.cwmind.org.uk)

CALM [www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net) 0800 585858

HEADS TOGETHER [www.headstogether.org.uk](http://www.headstogether.org.uk)

MIND [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) 0300 123 3393

PAPYRUS [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org) 0800 0684141

SAMARITANS [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) 116 123