



**Cardinal Wiseman  
Catholic School**  
Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

# Newsletter

**LEADERSHIP UPDATE**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw our *Cardinal Wiseman Goes Live!* events begin for our new Year 7 students. We had hundreds of students, parents, carers and teachers from across the city tuning in to put faces to names and find out more about the school. This also included a live lesson from Mrs Alton, which went down very well. The scores coming in from the quiz were very high so it was lovely to see that so many learnt so much!

This week also brought news from the government about the reopening of schools in September and various ideas that they would like to see implemented. There is a lot to consider, and we will take our time to look at the logistics of what has been suggested. We suspect that there will be further updates and amendments throughout the summer, and so we will communicate the final plans in full before students start back in September. It is likely that we will hold another live event for parents and carers of all years to watch so that you are briefed in full before the start of school. What we do know is that the government wants all students in school and that they see attendance as mandatory, unless ill from Coronavirus. Please be assured that we will do everything in our power to make school as safe and as 'normal' as possible.

I have spent a lot of time in meetings recently thanking staff for the work that they have done behind the scenes, but it occurred to me that we have not thanked you as parents and carers for the work that you have done whilst in lockdown. We know that there have been a few minor issues with some of the work being set, and that this has largely been down to personal circumstances. However, the vast majority of work has been engaged with and returned, and I want to thank you for being persistent with your children, for upholding academic standards and high expectations, and for supporting them when they have struggled. Parents, carers and staff alike have enjoyed the increased communication during lockdown, and although we know that this will change when students return, I hope that you will continue to email school for support and advice with homework and the topics students are studying.

Have a happy and holy weekend.

God bless.

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# Parent/ Carer Survey – Your Voice Matters

At Cardinal Wiseman School, we strive to provide a high-quality of education in which all our pupils reach their God-given potential; your view is important in providing feedback on how *well* we are achieving our vision.

To this end, we are delighted to share our third annual survey to parents/carers across all eight schools within The Romero Catholic Academy between June 24– July 15.



Through this survey, we would like to know what you think is working well and what you would like us to improve. We have added some additional aspects in light of the current climate and we thank you for your patience as we have navigated the last four months.

The survey takes approximately 6 minutes to complete and comments are optional. You can provide your details or you may answer the questionnaire anonymously if you would prefer. As always, if you wish to raise a concern, there is a process to follow and we appreciate you bring it directly to the attention to staff at the school so we can resolve the matter in a speedy manner.

We would like to take this opportunity to ‘thank you’ in advance for completing our survey. The survey will be analysed at school level and across Romero as the results will be collated and viewed by the Board of Directors. We will share the responses and the key themes emerging in autumn with a ‘You said, we did’ update in our newsletter.

The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Romero2020>



## Monsignor Timothy Menezes from our Archdiocese has composed this prayer for Year 11 and Year 13 leavers

God and Father of the whole human family,  
I come before you at this important moment in my life,  
a time that cannot be marked in the normal ways this year.

It is good for me to reflect on all that has led to this point,  
times that I remember with great joy, special achievements,  
but also times that I might regret or wish had not happened.  
All of these things make me the person I am today,  
and it is good for me to be reminded frequently  
that nothing puts me outside your love or your family.



Whatever the future, the weeks ahead present me with a new start.  
In continuing education or in branching out in new ways,  
I have the chance once more to shape the direction of my life,  
always recognising that you have the ultimate plan for me.

At this moment, I must recognise that whether or not these years have been the best years for me,  
I am a different person for the experiences I have lived through.

Wherever I go in life, and whatever I do,  
let me see the best in myself and in others.

May my principles and my values make a contribution to society,  
that as I make new friends,  
I may influence their lives as much as they influence mine.

May the gift of faith always find a place in my heart, especially in moments of difficulty or doubt. May I never forget that I am loved unconditionally and that my life is precious to others and to you, because I am a link in a chain, always part of the wonderful world for which I have been created.

Amen.



# Google Classroom

The key points for parents!



Please use the link below to access a guide to Google Classroom aimed at parents and carers dealing with home schooling.

[Google-Classroom-Quick-Parents-Guide.pdf](#)

Please continue to check our website through the link on the home page for information and updates about Year 6 to Year 7 transition or [by clicking here](#).

You can also contact us by email: [transition@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:transition@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk)



**Supporting  
School  
Transitions**



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The link below will take you to the latest information on coronavirus translated into 20 different languages:

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

Please note— this is a copy of a letter and, therefore, the links will not automatically work. Please type the links into your address bar for access. Thank you.



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**ADVICE FOR PURCHASING SCHOOL UNIFORM DURING**  
**THE NATIONAL PANDEMIC**

Dear Parent/ Carer,

COVID-19 has affected our lives and how we need to act following Government guidelines. This has resulted in us closing our store for the time being, but our online service has continued to help parents in these unprecedented times.

As schools are set to reopen, albeit on a phased basis, we are now preparing to reopen our city centre store in accordance with the Government guidelines. We will be limiting the number of people in the store at any one time to adhere to the social distancing guidelines. During this time we will need your help and cooperation to keep you and our staff safe from the virus.

We are making the following recommendations:

- Use our e-commerce website: [www.catballou.co.uk](http://www.catballou.co.uk), from the safety of your home, for delivery to you for a small fee or click and collect for FREE from the rear of our store (see our website for details). Purchases over £75.00 will now enjoy FREE DELIVERY. We do not make any profit on carriage.
- We recommend all the new starters order their new uniform early through our website whenever possible.
- If you are coming into the store please bring just one parent/carer per pupil.
- Consider wearing a mask for all attendees and follow social distancing guidelines marked in store.
- Use hand sanitizers available in store on entering.
- You will be directed to a place in store and will be attended there by a member of staff. Please refrain from touching surfaces like mirrors, shelves etc.
- We recommend measuring your child from the size guide on our website before coming into the store.
- You can secure your complete uniform and PE kit by putting down a small deposit and pay the balance when collecting.
- Please try to pay by card or apple pay (we take most cards including Amex), but we will still be able to take cash payments in store.
- For your peace of mind, we have secured all our stock of school uniforms and PE kits for September 2020 prior to the lockdown.

For any further questions, please email [sales@catballou.co.uk](mailto:sales@catballou.co.uk), or visit our website [www.catballou.co.uk](http://www.catballou.co.uk) for up to date information.

On behalf of all of us at Cat Ballou, we thank you for your continued custom and wish you well during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,

*Ashok Kapur*

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The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough

or



high temperature

or



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If **you have symptoms** of coronavirus, you need to **self-isolate for 7 days**

If **you live with someone who has symptoms**, you need to **self-isolate for 14 days** from the day their symptoms started

**For most people coronavirus will be a mild illness.** However if you have any of the symptoms you should self-isolate at home

## Stop the spread of coronavirus



**Wash your hands more often and for 20 seconds**

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue away straight away



**Supervise young children** to ensure they wash their hands more often than usual



**Posters and lesson plans on general hand hygiene** can be found on the eBug website



Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your **standard cleaning products**



**Staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell** with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell **to avoid spreading infection to others**

If staff, young people or children become unwell with any of the coronavirus symptoms on site, **they should be sent home**

We are asking schools, colleges, nurseries, childminders and other registered childcare settings **to remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children** where they can

# Finding More Information and Support: Helplines and Services Available

## **Anxiety**

### [Anxiety UK](#)

Practical advice and information for anybody affected by anxiety, stress and/or anxiety based depression – as well as for their parents, family and friends.

- In response to coronavirus, they are extending their Infoline hours to support as many people as possible. Now open Monday-Friday 9.30am-5pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-8pm.
- Phone: 0344 477 5774
- Email: [support@anxietyuk.org.uk](mailto:support@anxietyuk.org.uk)
- Text: 07537 416 905
- Live Chat available during office hours via the website
- You can join #Coronanxiety webinars and support groups, including around topics such as OCD, uncertainty and claustrophobia, at [www.anxietyuk.org.uk/coronanxiety-support-resources](http://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/coronanxiety-support-resources).

## **Autism**

### [National Autistic Society](#)

- You can find information about coronavirus on the website – and look out for ideas and suggestions for supporting someone with autism around routine change, anxiety and sensory issues such as hand washing over the coming weeks.







# How to clean DEVICES

Our electronic devices can be a breeding ground for germs and bacteria. Many viruses, including coronavirus, can stick around for several hours or even days after being touched by or otherwise coming into contact with an infected person. With that knowledge, keeping them clean can be as important as keeping ourselves protected in order to avoid becoming ill and maintaining a high level of hygiene and cleanliness. We have therefore created this guide to help you clean your devices effectively.



## Always

Use wrung out alcohol wipes. Apple state that using a 70% (isopropyl) alcohol wipe or disinfectant wipe is ideal for the outside of a handset. To be on the extra safe side, power down the device before cleaning it. If you use a screen protector or protective case, you can clean these gently with warm water and soap. Just make sure you remove them from the phone first. While you CAN use general disinfectant spray, make sure it's sprayed onto a clean, soft cloth first, and not applied directly to the device. It will need to say something along the lines of 'kill 99.9% of bacteria' on it to be effective.

**MOBILE PHONES & TABLETS**

Don't submerge the device in bleach or soapy water. Similarly, do not clean the device whilst it's charging or otherwise plugged into another device. Using alcohol wipes on things like leather cases or other fabric and material should also be avoided as it could damage them. Don't clean phone cases with in-built batteries or other electronics with soap and water. A big thing to remember is to not use straight rubbing alcohol. It can damage the oleophobic and hydrophobic coatings that keep oil and water from damaging the display and ports. Finally, don't use regular house-hold surface cleaners (non-disinfectant ones) on phones and tablets - they are too abrasive and may damage them irreversibly.

Turn the laptop all the way off before starting any kind of cleaning and always unplug it from the mains. If you can remove the battery of the device, do so. Wipe the screen with a dry microfibre cloth, then thoroughly wring out an alcohol wipe and repeat before returning with a dry cloth. The rest of the laptop can be cleaned with an alcohol wipe, much like a mobile phone, but be careful to wring it out to avoid unnecessary liquid dripping into the inner circuits. Be sure to clean thoroughly on and around the keys and any other buttons, but not between any open cracks.

**LAPTOPS & COMPUTERS**

As with mobiles, avoid using water to clean the more delicate parts of your laptop such as keys and ports. While some of the more modern phones can be waterproof, laptops aren't and it will almost certainly cause damage and irreparable.

Remove any batteries the controller might use (Xbox controllers sometimes have batteries in the back). Use alcohol wipes and be sure to get into the crevices around the sides as well as all the buttons on a video game controller, then dry it immediately with a microfibre cloth. On a console, pay specific attention to things like the power buttons and disc/cartridge eject buttons if there are any. If you have a vacuum cleaner with an appropriate attachment, use this to remove things like dust or food prior to using an alcohol wipe. A microfibre cloth will also do the job but make sure it's clean and dry before you use it.

**GAME CONTROLLERS (& CONSOLES)**

Do not use soapy water or bleach on the controllers and definitely not on the console itself. Make sure controllers are unplugged and inactive before cleaning them to avoid any problems with the electronics. Similarly, consoles should not be left on and need to be unplugged from the mains before being cleaned. Stay well away from the ports on consoles too, as any liquids could damage the interior.

Use alcohol wipes like with laptops and keyboards. Make sure they're unplugged and leave them to dry a little after using disinfectant wipes. If you have a hoover with the right attachments, be sure to give it a once over first to remove food and debris. Compressed air is also great for keyboards. Use short, sharp bursts and aim to push dust towards somewhere you can hoover it easily. Lightly dampen a cotton swab with rubbing alcohol and be sure to get between the keys as much as possible. Things like mice, headphones and microphones also need to be disinfected with wipes. If your keyboard is wireless, remove the batteries before you clean it. Don't let any moisture leak inside the keyboard and dry them with a clean microfibre cloth.

**KEYBOARD & MICE**

Don't clean them with warm soapy water. The electronics in these are not designed to be waterproof like some modern mobile phones and tablets. Also, don't use too much rubbing alcohol on keyboards as they could remove the lettering on top of keys.



## General Tips

- 1 Don't rub too hard. A gentle swabbing will be sufficient and excess cleaning could damage your devices. Wait a few minutes for the disinfectant to work, then wipe it clean.
- 2 How often you clean your electronics depends on a number of factors such as how much you come into contact with other people. Be sensible and practical.
- 3 Keep hands and faces as clean as possible. You'll have to wipe clean electronics less if you're nice and clean using them.
- 4 Remember, some germs are good and can help build a healthy immune system in children, but you can never be too careful with coronavirus.
- 5 Do not use regular kitchen sponges to clean devices - often they contain as many or more germs than our phones.
- 6 Consider using hands-free devices instead of pressing the phone to your face while making a phone call. If there's anything nasty on your phone, the last place you want it is near your face.

### Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: UNLAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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