



# Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

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PARENT BULLETIN

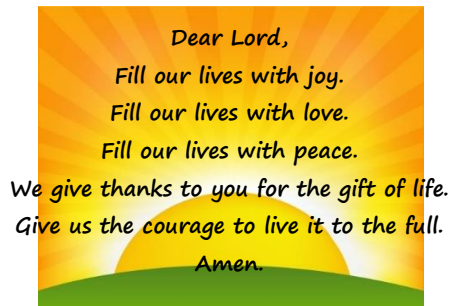
14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

**Our Vision...**  
Excellent teaching.

**Our Vision...**  
Strong Catholic ethos.

**Our Vision...**  
Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

**Our Vision...**  
Ensuring every child is known.



**Our Vision...**  
At the heart of the community.

**Our Vision...**  
High expectations of everyone.

**Our Vision...**  
Excellent leadership at all levels.

**Our Vision...**  
Keeping children safe in education.



## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are encouraged by how well our school community is adapting to our new procedures within school and we thank you once again for your support in implementing our risk assessments.

We look forward to our Year 11 Progress Evening next Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend.

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## *Notifications*

- **COVID-19**

Public Health England have made us aware of some **false stories** that are circulating on social media about the procedures in schools if a child is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms.

We would like to reassure you of the steps that will be taken if a student develops symptoms of COVID-19 whilst at school:

- If a student displays symptoms at school staff will follow government and local guidance to isolate your child with a member of staff looking after them.
- The student's parents or carer will be contacted and asked to come and collect their child from school and advised to take them for a test.

The [NHS website](#) has details about the symptoms of COVID-19 in children and how to book a test.

Visit the NHS '[your coronavirus test results](#)' [webpage](#) for information about test results and the next steps you should take once you receive your results back.

It is important that you follow the advice issued by the NHS when you book your test and await your results.

*Mr C Jones*

- In the event a student tests positive for Covid-19, we as a school must follow government guidelines and would have to send some students home immediately. These students must then self-isolate for 14 days. Please ensure that your child is aware of what they are to do in this instance, whether that is that they walk home and are able to access the property or that they are aware of a family member/friend's house they can go to. We will send a txt message home as soon as we are made aware to inform you that we have had to dismiss students.

*Miss C Rogers*

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- **SCOPAY**

We would like to remind parents to top up their child's lunch accounts via Scopay. If you don't have access yet and would like to, please email [epchs.finance@epchs.co.uk](mailto:epchs.finance@epchs.co.uk) so that you can be sent details of how to log in.

*Miss T Moore*

- **Tempest Photography**

**Year 7** - Individual portraits will be taken on **Tuesday 15th September** at the start of the school day.

**Year 11 & 13** - Individual portraits will be taken on **Thursday 17th September**. Again, they will be in at the start of the school day.

*Mrs C Hughes*

- **Safely returning to school**

The government is keen to reassure families who may not have English as their first language about the safety of returning to school. The Department for Education's Back to School Safely content now includes leaflets on safely returning to school in 13 community languages. The leaflets are:

- Taking your child to nursery or a childminder
- Returning to primary school
- Returning to secondary school

The languages are: Hindi, Turkish, Urdu, Arabic, French, Polish, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Bengali, Punjabi, Somali, Gujarati.

Links: <https://bit.ly/2YFS4cr> and also on Public Health England site <https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/schools-/resources/parents-leaflets/>

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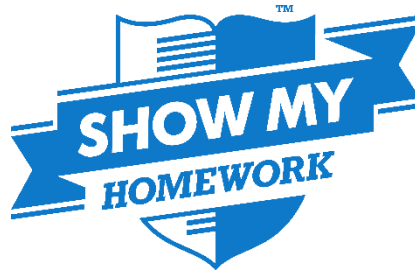
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- **Home Learning**

The main platform for home learning to be set on is Show my Homework. Over the past few months we have used Microsoft Teams as well as Show my Homework. We are going to continue to use Show my Homework due to the fact it has an app which parents can use whereas Microsoft Teams does not at this stage. We will review this at a later date.



All students have been issued with a new Show my Homework pin number if they require it. Students can use it via the website or the app. For students logging in for the first time they need to enter their pin number and then create a username and password. Parental pins are available by contacting Mr C Jones at [c.jones@epchs.co.uk](mailto:c.jones@epchs.co.uk)

You will be able to access the home learning schedule via the website to see when home learning will be set for each year group.

*Mr C Jones*

- **Microsoft Teams**

Year 7 students will be provided with their Microsoft Team logins next week (WB: 14/09) and their ICT teachers will be showing them how to access and use Microsoft Teams within their next lesson. This will be useful if home learning is to take place over the course of the next few months.

*Miss K Houghton*

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