



Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

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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.

Week at a glance...

Week Commencing 11 th January	
	08:45am – 09:00am: FORM TIME FOR ALL STUDENTS
Year 7	Remote Learning (Key Worker & Vulnerable Students only on site)
Year 8	Remote Learning (Key Worker & Vulnerable Students only on site)
Year 9	Remote Learning (Key Worker & Vulnerable Students only on site)

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Year 10	Remote Learning <i>(Key Worker & Vulnerable Students only on site)</i>
Year 11	Remote Learning <i>(Key Worker & Vulnerable Students only on site)</i>
Year 12	Remote Learning <i>(Key Worker & Vulnerable Students only on site)</i>
Year 13	Remote Learning <i>(Key Worker & Vulnerable Students only on site)</i>



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I know how much has been put upon you and staff during the last lockdown and will be during this lockdown. I truly hope that at some point our country's leaders recognise the extraordinary lengths that both schools and parents have gone to in supporting our children in these very difficult times. What I have seen is how we have all worked incredibly hard to make things happen for your children and our students.

This week we have set up our virtual school, providing remote education for our students. This includes our pastoral support and personal development programmes. Please can you ensure that your child is accessing this provision.

Our key worker and critical worker students are being supported in school. Our key worker provision is now full. In order to operate safely within school we need to prioritise places for frontline NHS workers and education staff.

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Communication is again going to be vital and to support this, we will be contacting every student each week. We will also keep you informed of any updates released from the DfE.

After being given very little time by the government we have worked incredibly hard this week to set the school up as a testing centre. Staff have been trained in key roles and we have completed the first tests of all students and staff who are on the site.

In difficult times such as these it is so important that we continue to support each other and work together to provide the best for your children and our students.

Please take care.

Mrs Vile

- **Prayer**

Please click on the link below to view:

<https://youtu.be/hfex3WXumkl>

The wise men took a different route - a morning prayer
Unlisted

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Notifications


- COVID-19 test instructions


NHS
Test and Trace


HOW TO DO YOUR TEST


WHILE THIS IS A SELF-SWAB TEST, THERE WILL BE A TESTING HELPER WHO WILL OVERSEE THINGS AND PROVIDE HELP IF YOU NEED

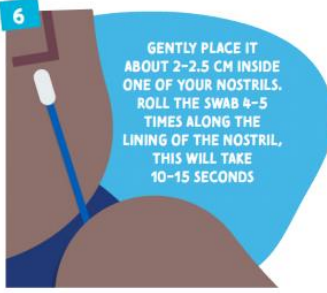
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YOUR COVID-19 TEST WILL BE SCHEDULED. IF YOU ARE UNDER 16, YOUR PARENT / CARER WILL HAVE CONSENTED
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YOUR TEST WILL BE FAST AND WHILE IT MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE, IT WON'T HURT YOU
- 


BLOW YOUR NOSE IF NEEDED. WASH AND DRY/SANITISE YOUR HANDS. REMOVE THE SWAB BEING CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH THE SOFT PART
- 

10 SECS
OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE AND USE A MIRROR TO LOOK AT THE BACK OF YOUR THROAT, THEN USE THE SWAB TO RUB FIRMLY 4 TIMES ON EACH SIDE
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REMOVE THE SWAB CAREFULLY WITHOUT TOUCHING YOUR TEETH, TONGUE OR GUMS
- 

GENTLY PLACE IT ABOUT 2-2.5 CM INSIDE ONE OF YOUR NOSTRILS. ROLL THE SWAB 4-5 TIMES ALONG THE LINING OF THE NOSTRIL, THIS WILL TAKE 10-15 SECONDS
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AFTER THIS, YOU'RE DONE, GENTLY REMOVE THE SWAB BEING CAREFUL NOT TO LET ANYTHING TOUCH THE TIP
- 

YOUR SWAB CAN THEN BE PLACED IN A TUBE FOR TESTING, THIS TAKES ABOUT 30 MINUTES
- 

YOUR SCHOOL / COLLEGE WILL CONTACT YOU OR YOUR PARENT / CARER WITH THE RESULTS AND LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Image can be found at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/946612/How to do your test COVID 19 instruction leaflet for schools.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/946612/How_to_do_your_test_COVID_19_instruction_leaflet_for_schools.pdf)

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- **DfE Update**

Gavin Williamson statement to Parliament on closure of education settings during national lockdown:

[Education Secretary statement to Parliament on national lockdown](#)

- **Arbor Parent App**



Download the Arbor app to view your child's timetable, update contact details and view notices. Please note: first log on needs to be on the Arbor website to accept terms and conditions of use, then you can log onto the App from a mobile/tablet.

- **Device Survey**

We are reassessing the access our students have to devices and Wifi at home. Please could you complete the form below. If you have any queries with regards to devices and Wifi you can comment on this form. This will be open until Friday 15th January 2021.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WrxNpXOU9kqfJjO_BGdJ8xn5RizYq5FNt_8FseINshpUMEpRT1Y3VjBFSkZCOFZBMlc4UDZBRVJPNC4u

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[Fill | Technology Survey January 2021 Ellesmere Port Catholic High School](#)

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forms.office.com

- **Remote Learning Platforms**

Following feedback from parents and students, as of Monday 11th January staff will only be setting work on Microsoft Teams. It was commented that sometimes work was not easy to locate due to using the two platforms so we will not be using Satchel One (Show My Homework) from Monday.

Parents can still monitor the work that is set by downloading the Microsoft Teams app and logging in using their child's account.



Download Microsoft teams on your phone and login using your school email and password



That email address is: year start initialsurname@stu.epchs.co.uk.
For example 18jjones@stu.epchs.co.uk

Microsoft Teams will allow you to see what work has been set through each subject team page. You can set the app to provide you with notifications of when work is set. If you need any assistance, please contact helpdesk@epchs.co.uk

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You can find links to all things associated with blended learning on the school's website:

www.epchs.co.uk

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with the following items: Students, Staff, Parents, Governors, Statutory Information, Contact, and Alumni. Below the menu is the school's logo and name, 'Ellesmere Port Catholic High School', along with the motto: "I Have Come So That They May Have Life And Have It To The Full" John 10:10. The main navigation bar includes: Home, Curriculum, Literacy, Sixth Form, Personal Development, Pastoral, Chaplaincy, O.W.O.W, News and Events, and Join EPCHS. The main content area features a banner image of a church building with the text 'Remote Blended Learning'. Below the banner are two blue buttons: 'Whole School Blended Learning Policy' and 'Expectations of students self isolating'.

- **Free Microsoft Office**

All students of EPCHS benefit from Microsoft Office 365 A3 licences. This entitles them to install the full Microsoft Office 365 suite (including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher) on up to five PCs or Macs per user and up to five tablets and five phones per user.

Desktops & Laptops

To install the Office suite onto a Windows computer or an Apple Mac, simply use the computer's web browser to access <https://office.com>. When prompted, sign in with the student's email address (e.g., 20jbloggs@stu.epchs.co.uk) and the same password that is used to log into Teams and the computers at school. Once logged in, you will see a button in the top-right corner labelled 'Install Office'. Click it and then click 'Office 365 apps' from the drop-down menu.

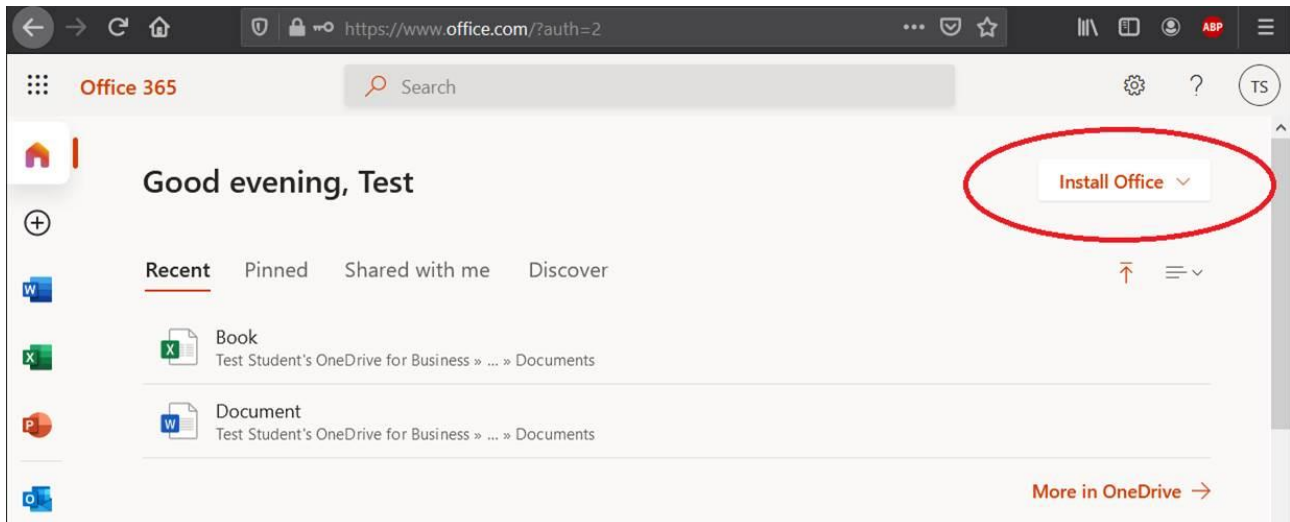
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The correct file for either Windows or MacOS will begin downloading. Once complete, simply follow the instructions to complete the installation.

Microsoft verifies that the software is licensed after the installation is complete by asking you to sign in. The login prompt may appear when you first attempt to use an Office program (such as Word). Again, use the same email address and password as before.

When using Office for the first time, you will see the following options. We recommend you choose the top one, labelled 'Office Open XML formats'.

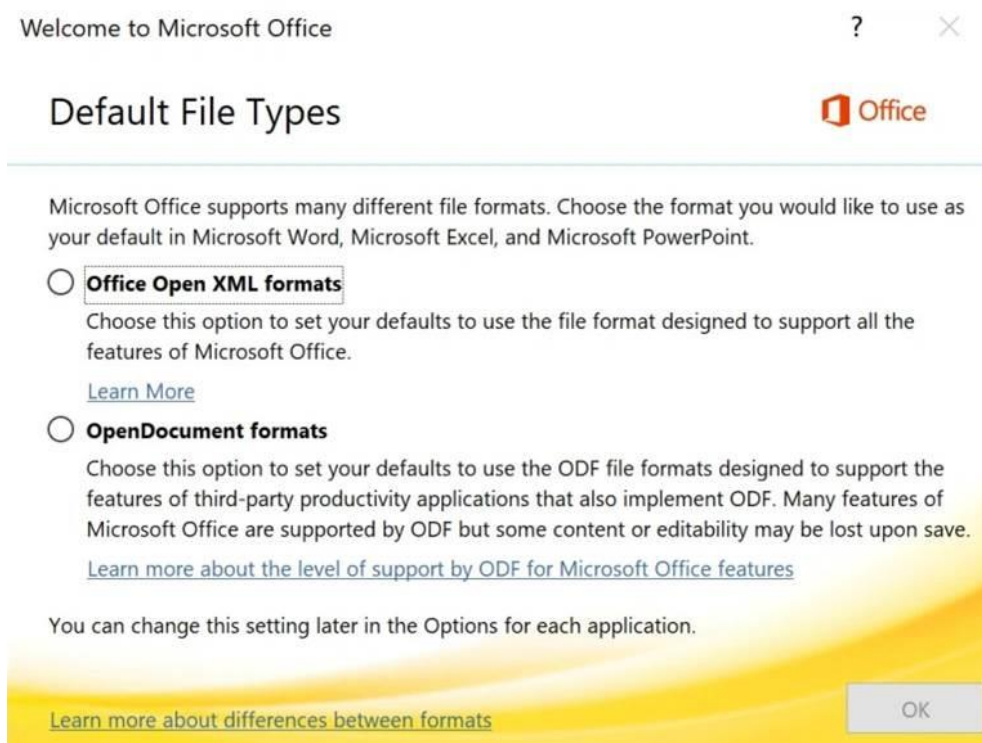
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Phones & Tablets

Installing Office onto tablets or phones is typically done through either the App Store on Apple iPhones and iPads, or the Play Store on devices that run Android (which includes most mobile phones and tablets that are not manufactured by Apple). Simply search for the specific apps you would like to install, such as Word or PowerPoint. Again, the license is determined from the username, so simply sign in with the email address and password as above.

Chromebooks & Other Devices

For students that are using Chromebooks or other devices not mentioned above, we recommend that you use the Office web apps which are slightly trimmed down versions of the desktop programs that run inside a web browser. These are also accessible from <https://office.com> as shown below. Just sign in as described above and click the icon of the app you'd like to use on the left of the screen.

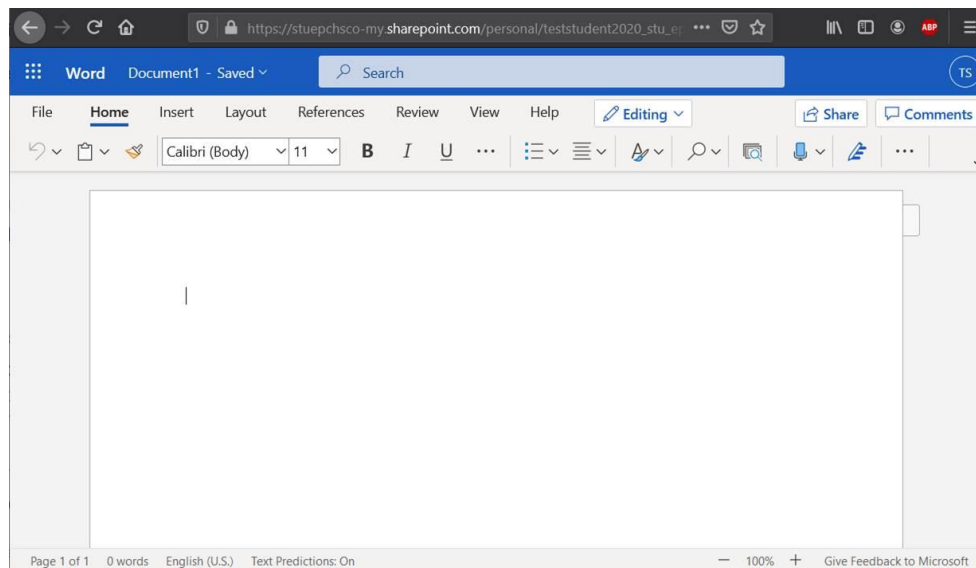
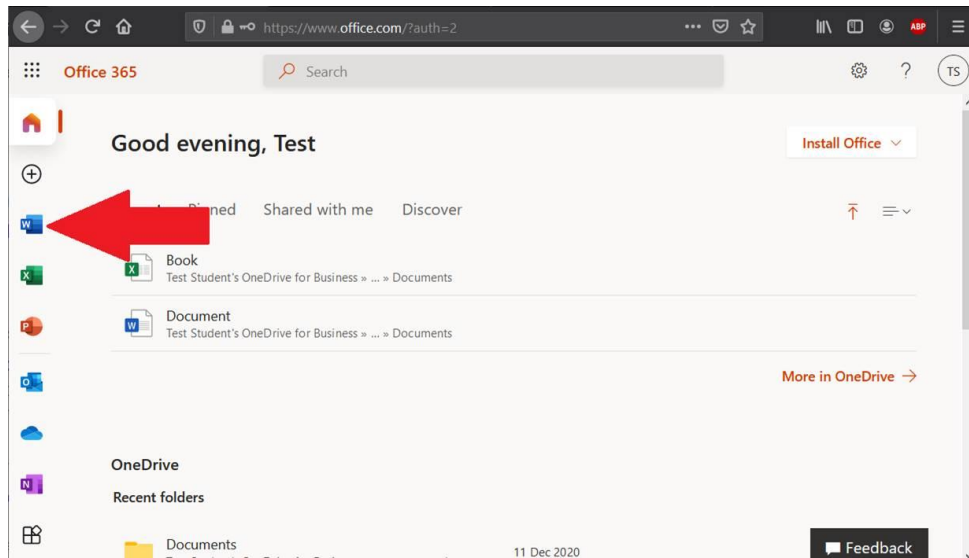
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If you experience any technical difficulties or need any of the above clarifying, our IT support team are ready to help. They can easily be contacted by email using the address helpdesk@epchs.co.uk

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- **SIXTH FORM INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**



HSBC Work Experience is now live. There are opportunities across the whole of the UK, in financial services, investment banking, marketing, digital, compliance and HR.

The Work Experience opportunities will be available from **June to August 2021** and will be 1-week long.

Open to all secondary school or college students in **Y10, Y11, Y12 and Y13.**

Applications close on **21st February.**

Application Link: <https://bit.ly/3rjRjT2>



M&S are recruiting Retail Management and Fashion apprentices across the UK, giving you the ultimate fast track to managing your own department and looking after multi million pound budgets, all while being coached and mentored by their retail management experts.

If you'd like to consider applying for a M&S apprenticeship program and are interested in Business, Retail, Management or Fashion then you can find the sign up application link below to this webinar!

- **Thursday 28th January, 5pm - 6pm**
- Insight to M&S (one of the UK's most iconic brands).
- **Open to all Y12 and Y13 Students**
- Great opportunity for students looking to get into business, management, retail or fashion.

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Webinar Application Link:

<https://www.research.net/r/Marks-Spencer-Webinar>



Medicine in Action returns with a special half-day online programme for aspiring medics on January 26th. From brain surgery to life in A&E and more, uncover the science and technology driving medicine, discuss the societal implications and find out what life is really like as a medic at Medicine in Action. As usual, there will be plenty of opportunities to interact, with questions, polls, quizzes and more. Don't miss out! Book today!

[Book now](#)

Tickets to join us online are priced at **£8 plus VAT** each (each student will require their own ticket). The programme can be viewed at school or at home, broadcast in a class/hall or accessed on individual computers, and if timetabling is a real struggle the recording can be viewed for up to a week after the event.

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We are delighted to announce a full programme of Engineering in Action, delivering inspiration and motivation for students who may be considering a future in one of the many diverse fields within Engineering.

Join award-winning Structural Engineer Roma Agrawal MBE to discover the recipe for a skyscraper, find out how to engineer a spacesuit with Dr Jackie Bell (who you may have seen as a contestant on BBC's "Astronauts: Do you have what it takes?") and explore the future of artificial intelligence and robotics with Dave Cliff. The afternoon will be brought together with a special panel session, titled "I'm an Engineer, ask me anything!", where all three of our speakers and some other special guests will be available for your questions. In short, we have an unmissable programme planned for your students. Don't miss out!

[More information and tickets](#)

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