



Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

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Our Vision...
Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...
Ensuring every child is known.

Our Vision...
High expectations of everyone.



Our Vision...
Excellent leadership at all levels.

Our Vision...
Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

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

Our Vision...
Keeping children safe in education.

Week at a glance...

	MON 31 ST	TUE 1 ST	WED 2 ND	THU 3 RD	FRI 4 TH
YEAR 7	BANK HOLIDAY	INSET DAY		Return to school	In school
YEAR 8			Return to school		In school
YEAR 9			Return to school		In school
YEAR 10			Return to school		In school
YEAR 11				Return to school	In school
YEAR 12				Return to school	In school
YEAR 13				Return to school	In school

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Headteacher Message

We are very much looking forward to the staggered return of our students next week and feel confident that our alterations to the school building are compliant with the constantly evolving health and safety guidance.

Face Coverings

We are advising students to wear masks in corridors and communal areas, but at this time it is not compulsory.

From Department for Education...

Examples of where education leaders might decide to recommend the wearing of face coverings – for students and staff - in communal areas of the education setting include:

- where the layout of the school or college estate makes it particularly difficult to maintain social distancing when staff and pupils are moving around the premises
- where on top of hygiene measures and the system of controls recommended in the full opening guidance to schools and FE colleges and providers, permitting the use of face coverings for staff, pupils or other visitors would provide additional confidence to parents to support a full return of children to school or college.

It is vital that face coverings are worn correctly and that clear instructions are provided to staff, children and young people on how to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings in all of the circumstances above, to avoid inadvertently increasing the risks of transmission.

Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully.

On the basis of current evidence, in light of the mitigating measures education settings are taking, and the negative impact on communication, face coverings will not generally be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible.

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There is greater use of the system of controls for minimising risk, including through keeping in small and consistent groups or bubbles, and greater scope for physical distancing by staff within classrooms. Face coverings can have a negative impact on learning and teaching and so their use in the classroom should be avoided.

Staffing

There have not only been changes to the school building, but also to our staffing structure.

- **Mrs Henderson** is Acting Deputy Headteacher
- **Mrs Jones** is Associate Deputy Headteacher
- **Mr Laing** is now Senior Assistant Head
- **Ms Oakley** is Assistant Headteacher
- **Mr Crutchley** is Pastoral Leader for Year 9
- **Mrs Cooper** is Curriculum Leader for Sociology
- **Miss Moore** is Finance Manager
- **Mrs Ford** is RSE and SMSC Lead
- **Mrs Murphy** is Careers and Safety Lead
- **Mr Lewis** and **Mr Phelan** are Wellbeing Leads
- **Mrs Edwards** is Citizenship Lead
- **Mr Hickman** is STEM Lead

I would also like to warmly welcome our newest staff members:

- **Mr Lewis** (Science)
- **Mr Hickman** (Science)
- **Mr Roose** (English)
- **Mrs Ashley** (Maths)
- **Mr Lonsdale** (SEND Co-ordinator)
- **Mrs Wright** (Pastoral Lead Year 7)
- **Mr Parrin** (Pastoral Lead Year 11)
- **Mr Walker** (Pastoral Lead Year 8)
- **Miss Bailey** (Pastoral Lead Year 10)
- **Mrs Harrison** (Office and Cover Manager)

Have a lovely bank holiday and take care.

Mrs C Vile

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Notifications

- On days when pupils have PE timetabled, they must come to school already changed in their PE kit. They must also wear their blazer over their PE kit. Pupils will be grouped into activities during the first two weeks of the term. Pupils will be required to bring football boots when they are engaged in activities on the field. They should ensure that they bring a plastic bag to put their boots in at the end of the lesson to keep bags and work clean. Pupils will need trainers for their first timetabled PE lesson. They will not need football boots for this lesson.

Mr M Cavanagh

- The Department for Education have created a communications pack with materials to inform and reassure parents who are preparing for their children's return to school. The pack includes leaflets, images and videos on the importance of regular handwashing and , advice on travelling to and from school. These resources are available to download through the [Dropbox](#) and the [Public Health England communications resources hub](#). This pack will be updated as and when more content becomes available.

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