



Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

PARENT BULLETIN

21st August 2020

Our Vision...

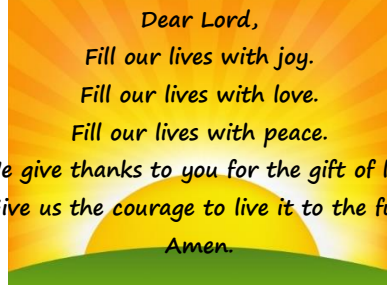
Strong Catholic ethos.

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.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you've had a lovely summer holiday despite the circumstances. We are very much looking forward to September and seeing our students again.

We continue to monitor the news updates from across the country, the Department for Education, and Cheshire West and Chester. I therefore believe it is important to share with you our recovery plans in terms of Health & Safety, Behaviour & Attitudes, and Blended Learning which can be found by clicking the following link on our homepage:

<https://epchs.co.uk/maintaining-a-safe-school-environment/>

This link will also take you to our risk assessments.

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In our last parent bulletin which was sent at the end of the summer term, we included details of our September reopening. This information is provided below as a reminder.

We will send another bulletin next week. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer holidays.

Mrs C Vile



Notifications

To prepare for the autumn term, we have subscribed to a new pre-order solution for our school canteen. This will enable us to be able to provide food during lunchtime to all students and staff while maintaining the year group cluster.

- From the end of August parents, students and staff will be able to login to a web portal. They will be able to do this on their device (PC, tablet or smartphone) and pre-order food for any given day, a number of days, a week or a maximum of two weeks.
- They can check their catering balance to ensure that they have sufficient funds to pre-order food.
- To ensure that they do have sufficient funds to pay for food parents and staff can top up accounts as normal via Scopay.
- They can review all purchase transactions as well as what your child has eaten.

This new solution provides us with a manageable way of providing food to students and staff and we hope you can understand and support us during these challenging times.

During late August we will follow up with an email to you with login credentials.

Mr C Jones

Wednesday 2nd September – Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10

- Full school uniform expected.

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		Where to gain access to the site (these will be signposted)
Entrance: 8:40am	Year 8 Playground student entrance	Pedestrian entrance (left side by car park barrier)
Exit 3:03pm		
Entrance: 8:30am	Year 9 Student Services entrance	Pedestrian entrance (right side by car park exit)
Exit 3:00pm		
Entrance: 8:40am	Year 10 Student Services entrance	Pedestrian entrance (right side by car park exit)
Exit: 3:03pm		

Thursday 3rd September – Year 7, Year 11, Years 12 and 13

- Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 remain at home with work on 365 Teams.
- Full school uniform expected.

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Exit 3:00pm		
Entrance: 8:40am	Year 11 Student Services entrance	Pedestrian entrance (right side by car park exit)
Exit 3:05pm		
Entrance: 8:40am	Years 12 and 13 Reception	Pedestrian entrance (left side by car park barrier)
Exit: 3:00pm		

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Example First Day (either Wednesday or Thursday)

Arrival at school – dedicated zoned area	
8:45am – 9:45am	Period 1 Virtual assembly by Pastoral Leader
9:45am – 10:45am	Period 2 Tour of the school
10:45am – 11:00am	Breaktime
11:00am – 12:00pm	Period 3 Form Tutor duties
12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunchtime
12:45pm – 1:45pm	Period 4 Personal Development activities
1:45pm – 2:45pm	Period 5 Personal Development activities
2:45pm	Tutor Time (held in Period 5)

Friday 4th September

- All year groups will return and commence regular timetable.

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- From Friday 4th September lesson times will have changed to accommodate decreasing movement time to the following (**all students will be expected to be in school by 8.45am**).

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12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunchtime
12:45pm – 1:45pm	Period 4
1:45pm – 2:45pm	Period 5
2.45pm – 3:00pm	Form Time
3:00pm / 3:03pm / 3:05pm	Dismissal

Breaktime and Lunchtime Arrangements

Free breakfasts (bagels) will continue on entrance into school but no food will be available at break time. Students may bring snacks and recycling bins are available in all outside areas.

At lunchtime, a limited selection of cold food will be available. Unfortunately, hot food will not be available for the foreseeable future.

There will be a **food ordering** service available on arrival and the grab bag will be available in the designated outside area. Students will need to bring in their own bottle of water to meet their requirements during the day as water fountains are out of use.

Zoned Areas for Break and Lunchtime

- Barriers are in place to support social distancing.
- There will be toilets available in each area.
- Football areas for students at lunchtime will be available in year groups when weather permits.
- Students will have a staggered return to classrooms after break and lunchtime.

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Year 7 Tennis Courts
Year 8 The yard in front of the Gym
Year 9 The yard in front of the Science Block
Year 10 The yard in front of the Sports Hall and the football pitches
Year 11 The Picnic Area and the football pitches
Years 12 and 13 Sixth Form Area

Curriculum

Risk Assessments for each subject area have taken place throughout the school and government guidelines suggest that PE lessons resume with appropriate activities.

Music have adapted their curriculum content to Musical Theory and Composition.

Teaching and Learning

Teachers' desks have been fitted with sneeze guards and hand sanitiser stations have been placed around the building on most corridors to allow for plentiful opportunities to maintain good hand hygiene. Please reinforce this with your child that good hand hygiene helps to protect our community.

PPE is available to staff and students should be aware that some staff may choose to use PPE during lesson times.

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Staff have been asked to maintain a 2-metre social distance from all students and colleagues. Students are asked to respect the social distancing measures with staff. Where this not adhered to, the school behaviour policy will be applicable.

Marking and Feedback

Please be aware that due to current government guidance the marking and feedback each student will receive from September will take a more blended form. Students will continue to receive regular whole class and individual verbal and visual feedback in class alongside written feedback via online platforms such as Teams. Exercise books will be kept in classrooms in designated areas to ensure health and safety standards are maintained. Whilst all exercise books will remain in school we still expect that students will continue to maintain our high standards of presentation and written work.

Assemblies and Masses

Both will be conducted virtually via Zoom to prevent mass gatherings. They will be led by the Pastoral Team and will be facilitated by teaching staff.

We recognise in certain circumstances that a 2-metre rule is not appropriate. For example, children with Physical Special Educational and Health needs as well as those children who require LSA support in lessons may need closer support from staff.

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