



Cardinal Langley RC High School

'An Outstanding Catholic School' S48, March 2017

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Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of an extraordinary year, I want to outline some key information that you need to be aware of in preparation for the new academic year.

September 2021

The new year will start with Year 7 & 12 students returning at 8.20am on Monday 6th September. This will allow the Year 7 students to have the transition experience they missed during the summer term. Year 12 will also be in for the morning session only as part of their Sixth Form induction.

All other students will return on Tuesday 7th September.

COVID Testing

The Government announcement regarding step 4 of the national roadmap means that the guidance for schools has also been updated. You can access the DfE Guidance for Parents & Carers [here](#). The majority of restrictions have been removed but there is an expectation that all students will complete two on-site tests at the start of the term. The guidance states:

As your child will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, all secondary school pupils and college students should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term. Your child should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.

We appreciate that this is new for students entering Year 7 but I can assure you the system has worked well with older students throughout the year. A self-test model is used and all students are provided with detailed guidance and support on how to do this. Further information regarding lateral flow testing – [can be downloaded here](#) It would be a great help if you would start testing over the summer using the home test kits that are readily available from local pharmacies and test centres.

Testing and isolating any positive cases is one of the key measures to prevent the spread of infection in our school community. Following the guidance, test one for new Year 7 students will be on Monday 6th September and test two on Friday 10th September.

Testing is strongly encouraged but can only be undertaken in school with parental consent which can be given by completing the form [here](#).





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A copy of our privacy notice can be found [here](#).

Summer School

This has proven very popular and letters confirming places have been sent to all that applied. Please confirm acceptance of the place by emailing admin@clrchs.co.uk. Students will take part in a range of fun and teambuilding activities which will help them make new friends and get familiar with their surroundings. Food and all activities are free of charge and all students that attend for the full week will receive a voucher for a school blazer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school using the email address above.

Holiday Activity & Food Programme

This is a council run programme that offers free activities during the summer holidays across Rochdale, Heywood, Middleton and Pennines. Please see the website which details the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Summer 2021 programme www.haf-rochdale.co.uk. The activities are open to children and families on benefit-related free school meals (FSM). All activities are free and include food.



There are a variety of fun and enriching activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (but can include 4 years olds already in Reception year) to take part in. Activities are being delivered at different locations and at a variety of sites throughout the Summer Holidays. Booking information for each activity can be found on the webpage. There are limited places at each of the sessions which the different providers will manage. If new places are offered, or provision is no longer available, these will be updated on the HAF webpage throughout the Summer Holidays.

Some of the providers may ask for a voucher code. This is: HAF2021

Free School Meals

We appreciate that the pandemic has been a difficult time financially for many families and I encourage you to apply for free school meals if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. Details, and an application form, can be found at <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>





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ParentPay

Individual letters have been posted home with username and passwords for you to set up your account. These should arrive in the next few days. It is important that you have activated your account and loaded funds prior to the start of the year. Students will be issued with a wireless fob on their first day which is used in school to purchase items. Those eligible for free school meals will have funds automatically credited to their account each day.

If the guidance for September changes then I will provide a further update before the start of the new academic year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Bridson
Headteacher

