



Cardinal Langley RC High School

'An Outstanding Catholic School' S48, March 2017

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Friday 1st September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer break.

As we approach the start of the new school year, I am looking forward to welcoming all students back to school, especially those joining us in year 7 and year 12. Students will return to school at 8.20am on the following days:

Wednesday 6th September Year 7 (full day) & Year 12 Induction (finish at 12.45pm)

Thursday 7th September All students

At the start of the year there are a number of items which I would like to draw to your attention.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

You may have seen in the news that there have been some issues nationally with this type of concrete used in the construction of some schools. I can confirm that this material has not been identified at Cardinal Langley and so is not an issue at the school.

Catering Facilities

Our catering provider will be offering the usual hot and cold menu and I would like to remind you to top up student accounts using the ParentPay system. Further details of the catering provision, along with weekly menus can be found at <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-meals/>

The school Breakfast Club is available in the Bistro from 7.30am and offers a range of items each day which are free of charge to all students. The school building will open at 7.30am and please do not send students in earlier than this.

Water fountains are located around the school and we encourage students to bring a reusable bottle to reduce the need for single use plastic. Drinks can also be purchased from the canteen.

Free School Meals

We appreciate that this is 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>

Uniform

Students are proud to attend Cardinal Langley and we expect them to be smartly dressed in school at all times and to take pride in their appearance. I am sure I can rely on your support for this to continue throughout the year. The uniform policy can be found on the school website and there is also further guidance regarding acceptable shoes. If there are any doubts about the suitability of certain items then please refer to our [Uniform Policy](#) or speak to your child's Progress & Academic Leader before you purchase.





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In order to avoid any issues at the start of term, we would like to remind you of the following:

- Shoes must be plain black leather: sports shoes and boots are not allowed
- Trousers must be plain black, tailored leg with a waist band and zip (no denim)
- Skirts must be knee length or longer, pleated, pencil or A-line, with a waist band
- Students may wear a watch and one small pair of ear studs
- Accessories such as nail varnish, acrylic nails, false eye lashes and facial piercings are not allowed

As a school we are aware that uniform items can be a strain on family budgets and we always endeavour for items to be of best value. We regularly review our uniform supply arrangements and if you have any feedback regarding the availability, quality or affordability of school uniform items please let me know. We also have a stock of previously owned uniform items which are in very good condition. Your child's Pastoral and Academic Leader will be able to help source any items you may need.

School Transport

The timetable for the school bus services to and from Cardinal Langley RC High School is published by Transport for Greater Manchester and can be found at <https://tfgm.com/schools/rochdale/cardinal-langley>

Daily and weekly saver tickets are available from the driver or online from the bus company's website. Children aged 11-16 require an igo pass in order to pay the concessionary fare on public transport within Greater Manchester. Information about igo passes can be found on the following webpage <https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/igo-pass>

Road Safety

There is a temporary 20 mph speed limit in effect outside of school during the time when the school crossing patrol is in operation. This is part of the Local Authority's policy for incident reduction and road safety. Please may we stress the need for parents and carers to show care and consideration when dropping off children at school or parking outside of the school building. Please do not obstruct the cycle lane or drives and entrances to neighbouring houses and buildings.

If you do need to drive, please switch off your engine when waiting outside to reduce air pollution and, if possible, try parking further away and walking the last part of the journey. The front car park is reserved for the use of vulnerable students who need the accessible parking bays and other drivers are asked not to use this carpark as a drop off or collection point.

The Scout Headquarters adjoining the school is used throughout the day and we have been asked to request that parents do not use this as a drop off or collection point.

Cycle routes have been extended in the area and encourage cycling as part of a healthy lifestyle. The roads around school are very busy and we expect those cycling to school to do so safely and wear a helmet. We also ask that students who wish to cycle to school complete the Level 2 Bikeability course. Cycle parking is available at the rear of school.

Where can I find further information?





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The majority of information you might need about school is on our website but if you have any specific queries please contact school using admin@clrchs.co.uk

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