



Cardinal Langley RC High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you are 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 2nd September Year 7 (full day) & Year 12 Induction (finish at 12.45pm)

Thursday 3rd September All students

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

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. Please do not send students in earlier than this as there is no supervision before 7.30am.

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>

Phone Free School

Phone pouches were introduced in April for all students in Year 7 to 11 with the aim of reducing distraction in lessons and improving student wellbeing. Feedback from surveys at the end of the summer term was very positive and these will be issued again on the first day of term.

Children going into years 8-11 have already been issued with a phone pouch and these were collected in by Form Tutors on the last day of term for safe keeping. If your child was absent on the last day of term, please ensure they pack their phone pouch in their bag before returning to school on Thursday.





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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.

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

- All students are expected to wear a blazer and tie at all times
- Shoes must be plain black leather: shoes with sports logos (eg Nike, Adidas) 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. Skirts must be of the same material as trousers and blazers – jersey material is **not** allowed. Skorts are **not** allowed.
- 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. Please do not purchase expensive branded sports shoes or jersey skirts, as they are not allowed in school and will unnecessarily add to your outgoings. 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 attached with this letter.

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>

The Greater Manchester Mayor has announced that free bus travel on the Bee Network will expand to all 11 to 16 year-olds starting in January 2027. Further details will be provided when available.

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.





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The school has been fortunate to receive £2 million to provide additional facilities for our Additional Needs students. There will be significant building work taking place at the front of school until Easter which will involve relocating the visitor car park to the side of the building. During the construction phase, visitor parking will be extremely limited.

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 walk the last part of the journey. The visitors' car park is not available to parents/carers at the start and end of the school day; it is reserved for the use of vulnerable students who need the accessible parking bays. Other drivers must not use this car park as a drop off or collection point. Parents/carers of children with an EHCP, or those with a disability, may request a dashboard card to allow access to the car park from Miss Foster or Mr Foley, our Additional Needs Coordinators at kfoster@clrchs.co.uk or sfoley@clrchs.co.uk

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. A reminder that electric scooters are illegal to ride on public roads, cycle lanes, or pavements in the UK and are not permitted in school.

Where can I find further information?

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

Mr A Bridson
Headteacher

