

# The Newman Catholic Collegiate



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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your patience. Yesterday the Government confirmed that we would be able to open to pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

I would like to congratulate all the staff across the collegiate who have worked so hard to get our schools to a position where we can safely open within the clear guidelines set out by Government.

Your individual school will give you full details of the arrangements for your school. Please try to follow all the guidance given as this will mean we can be as safe as possible for all children and the 1 parent/carer bringing them to school.

It is very important that you notify the school if your child is going to attend. You will need to give at least 1 weeks' notice in order to send them to school as we have very strict numbers for our groups keeping them as low as possible so full social distancing can be observed wherever possible.

Unfortunately, if your child could attend school then we will not be able to continue to provide the excellent home learning packs however, may direct you to some websites that could support your child. All schools will continue to provide home learning packs to pupils who can't come in, for example, children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 and for those who are shielding. Additionally, children who are entitled to Free school meals who could attend school but have chosen not to will need to come to school to collect food parcels. All other children will continue to receive vouchers whilst we are still able to access these. Full details of the food parcels and when to collect will be sent by individual schools.

As you know, our first priority is the health and safety of the children and staff. I ask you to read the below information as provided by the Government. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

You should not send your child to school if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus. If this is the case, please inform school immediately. You **MUST** keep your child at home and arrange for them, and everyone in your household to be tested.

If your child or anyone in your household is classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, please contact school if you have not already done so to discuss how we can support you. However, these children must **NOT** attend school.

Finally, I assure you that we will do our utmost to provide a safe and caring environment for your child. Some of this valuable time will be used to support transition into their new classes/schools ready for September. Our High School have been working hard and will provide some virtual lessons for the children in

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Year 6 to support their transition to St. Margaret Ward and give them the opportunity to virtually meet some of their new teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your fantastic support.

God bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bearden', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Senior Executive Leader

#### Useful documents

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/covid-19-guidance-on-protecting-people-most-likely-to-get-unwell-from-coronavirus-shielding-young-peoples-version>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

\*Vulnerable child definition:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people>

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