



**St Cuthbert's
Catholic High School**
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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you're safe and well. We're ready and so looking forward to welcoming all our young people back this week. We have been updating our social media pages over the last few days with any final information that you will need before returning to us here at St Cuthbert's. This letter will offer all of that information.

Health and Safety

It is important that students understand how school will work and the measures that are in place to protect you. Protect yourself and those around you. For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19. Staying at home will help prevent the spread of the virus to family, friends, the wider community, and particularly those who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

Everyone will have their temperature taken on arrival to school every morning. Should the temperature be above 37.5, they will be taken to an isolated area within their year group zone. Similarly, should your child develop a temperature or any other symptoms during the school day, they will be taken to their year group's isolated area where they'll be looked after by staff wearing PPE and a call will be made home to ask you to make arrangements to collect them from school as soon as possible.

Everyone should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds. Do this lots of times during the day use soap and water or hand sanitiser (gel) from the Hand Sanitising Points around school.

You should avoid close contact and remain socially distant from anyone you do not live with or who is not in your year bubble in school. Contacts are reduced in St Cuthbert's by:

- Grouping year groups together in zones within school with separate entrances for each year group
- Avoiding contact between year groups by staggering break and lunch times
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks as much as possible
- Staff maintaining distance from students and other staff as much as possible.

Each year group area has been assigned a member of the cleaning team who will be responsible for sanitising surfaces and door handles throughout the day. They will also be responsible for the toilets in the specific year group area. Each evening the year group area will be thoroughly cleaned and each Friday it will be fogged.

Travel

Merseytravel will reintroduce the 719 and 720 services that serve our school starting from Monday 7th September 2020. More information and advice from them can be found [here](#) and on the [term dates, travel and timings page](#) of our website.

Although we understand many of our students will need to use public transport to travel to and from school, we are encouraging our community to cycle, walk or scoot to school where possible. This is due to it being





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easier to control social distancing on a cycle rather than on public transport and school buses.

Bikes and scooters will be secured in the following places around school:

Year 7 - Bike Shed near Student Entrance

Year 8 – The Canteen

Year 9 - Melrose Car Park

Year 10 - Sports Hall

Year 11 - Humanities

Parents/carers who are dropping and picking up students in cars, please use the road side for quick and easy access and remain in your cars. No parents/carers are allowed into school at this time.

Uniform

First impressions are always very important, so it is vital that students wear the correct uniform.

Here's what we are expecting from all our students from tomorrow and going forward:

- Hair to be worn in a reasonable style and of a natural colour (no extreme hair styles are allowed, no lines, shapes, patterns or writing should be cut into the student's hair).
- Acceptable jewellery - one pair of ear studs worn in the ears and a wrist watch.
- Make up is not permitted (this includes nail varnish and false nails).
- Blazers to be worn at all times.
- All outdoor coats to be black and none to be worn in the building. All outdoor coats are to be kept in school bags when not being worn.
- No hoods to be worn on the school premises.

Full details are available on Uniform can be found on the [Uniform and Equipment](#) page of our website.

Masks and Face Coverings

At St Cuthbert's, staff and students will be allowed to wear face masks if it makes them feel more comfortable. Students will also be encouraged to wear plain black face coverings in the school's corridors and communal areas, although this will not be enforced.

Mrs Twist said: "We're not forcing it; it does come down to the individual at the moment. However, that could change if we went into a lockdown situation in St Helens."

Food

For the first few weeks, the food served in The Cafe and The Canteen at lunchtime will be from a limited menu and will be "grab and go" bags. These will consist of a choice of either a sandwich or Burger of the Day, a home-made cookie/flapjack/traybake or piece of fruit and a cold drink. This will be priced at £2.45 – the same as a free school meal allocation. There will also be food available to buy at break.

Please make sure that you have activated your child's ParentPay account and that your child has money on





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their account. All new students will have their thumbprints taken for our cashless/FSM system on Monday/Tuesday morning.

ParentPay and MyEd

Please make sure that if you have not signed up to the MyEd and ParentPay apps that you do so before we welcome our students back. To communicate and share information with you, our parent community we use the MyEd app. For more information on how to set it up head to our [website](#).

ParentPay is the brilliant way to pay for school dinners, equipment and lots of other useful things via our shop online. For more information, head to our [website](#).

If we work together and care for each other, this will help to protect ourselves and others.

Best wishes and take care,
Mrs C Twist

