



# St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you at the start of our second week back to congratulate students on their excellent start to term, and to inform you of a small number of positive tests for Covid19 within the Sixth Form.

It has been wonderful to see students back in school after such a long time away, or in the case of new students to see them for the first time. There are many new routines and different ways we will be doing things this term (year) due to the many restrictions and safeguards, which have to be in place. However, I must commend all students for the sensible and responsible way they have approached these changes. Students have been excellent in the manner they have followed instructions and complied with the new ways of doing things. Well done to them, and I urge them to continue to do so, to allow the school to function safely and efficiently for all. Please reiterate this message at home.

Thank you also to parents and carers for preparing your sons and daughters for school each day and for getting them here on time each morning. Your support will be essential this school year. Please may I remind you that students are encouraged to walk or cycle to and from school, if possible? Parents/carers can drop students off by car in the morning, but they should please remain in their vehicle, and thank you for doing so. If possible, please drop your child near school and they can walk the final stretch. The car park area has been congested, particularly at pick up time, so far.

Over the weekend, we were alerted to a small number of positive tests for Covid19 amongst some of our Sixth Form students. The cases are linked to activity outside of school. We reported the matter immediately to Public Health England. Based on their clear advice, the school remains open for all students from Year 7 to Year 11, this includes siblings of Sixth Form students (other than those who have tested positive or are displaying symptoms). We are still liaising with PHE regarding the Sixth Form itself, and will update Sixth Form parents/carers and students as soon as possible. In all such matters, we will consult with the relevant health protection teams and act in line with their advice.

Once again, we are looking forward immensely to working with students this year and will keep you informed of any developments along the way.

Yours faithfully

**Mr D Juric**  
**Head Teacher**

