



# St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students

We hope that those students who were able to attend school last week found the experience enjoyable and profitable. It was lovely to have students back with us again. They were excellent throughout the whole week, and we look forward to seeing them again next week (w/c 29 June). This letter is a reminder of arrangements for next week. Please read the information carefully. If there is something about which you are unclear, please email the school before the end of this week. There is one change, when it comes to equipment. Next week, students will be studying Mathematics, Sciences and Languages. Therefore, can they also bring a **calculator**, in addition to a pen and pencil.

**Students must bring in the exercise book they were given last week. If students were not in last week, they will be issued with a book on arrival.**

We will send out details for the final week of term later this week.

## Which Day?

Each student will attend one day only, during the week. The order is based on the tutor group to which your son/daughter belongs. Below is a reminder of this arrangement:

Mondays: **10L1** (Mr Pattison) and **10D1** (Miss McHugh)

Tuesdays: **10W2** (Mr Jones) (surnames M-W only)  
**10L2** (Mr Atkinson)  
**10D2** (Miss Gerrett) (surnames A-D only)

Wednesdays: **10W1** (Mrs Glancy)  
**10W2** (Mr Jones) (surnames A-L only)  
**10F2** (Mrs Bowers) (surnames S-Y)

Thursdays: **10DX** (Mr McNally)  
**10F2** (Mrs Bowers) (surnames A-R only)

Fridays: **10F1** (Mrs Anderson)  
**10D2** (Mrs Gerrett) (surnames E-W only)

You will also receive a reminder of your day by text message later this week.

**Please remember that online learning will continue every week, including the weeks Year 10 students are in school.**



## Attendance

As I have made clear, it is your decision whether you send your son/daughter into school. However, we hope that the majority of parents will be able to do so.

If you will not be sending your son or daughter to school on their allotted day next week, we ask you either to email the school to that effect in advance of the day, or to ring the school on the morning of his/her allotted day between 8:30 and 9:30am. We ask that you give us a reason for his/her absence, but it will be enough to say that you do not feel able to send him or her in, if that is your reason. We ask you to do this please, even if you did so prior to last week's sessions. People's plans and situations change, so there may be students who did not attend last week, but who will attend next week.

In the case of absence of any child, about whom we have not been informed in advance, the school attendance team will contact home by text message to ensure safeguarding procedures.

I reiterate the following message:

**NO ONE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OF COVID19 OR SELF-ISOLATING DUE TO A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL.**

**NO ONE WITH COVID19 OR SELF-ISOLATING DUE TO A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID19 SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL.**

In the case of a student displaying symptoms in school, home will be contacted and the child will have to be collected as soon as possible.

## Arrival

There are three methods of arrival.

**Car:** Parents can drop children at the top car park from 8:15am. If it is impossible for a student to come into school, without arriving before 8:15, that is of course acceptable. However, we ask for this only to happen where it is essential. **Parents must remain in their vehicle at all times.** No parents are permitted into school or reception.

**Foot/ Service bus and foot/ Bike:** Pupils should approach school by the service road and enter the site along *the mall*.

**Scholars bus:** Buses will drop off on site as normal. Students must wear a face mask and should tender the exact fare, as it may not be possible to provide change.

**All students must arrive by 8:45am.**

## Uniform and Equipment

Students should wear **normal school uniform**. Usual expectations regarding appearance will apply, this includes make up, jewellery, etc. Students should only bring the following equipment: **a pen, a pencil and a calculator**, nothing else. They can also bring a **bottle of water** if they wish (please note water dispensers are switched off). Students who have to bring medication into school, will obviously be able to do so. This will be collected at the start of the day. **No bags are permitted**, with the exception of students who cycle, who are permitted to bring a small bag if necessary. Students should bring a coat, as they will be outside for parts of the day, including lining up in the morning, which will be happening outside in all weather.

## **Lunch**

No packed lunches are permitted from home. All students must have a school lunch. This can only be paid for by ParentPay. If you have not registered for ParentPay, please email the school this week to do so. If for some reason this is impossible, there will be the opportunity to pay cash, but the *thumb machines* will not be working. Lunches will be limited in choice but there will be meat, vegetarian and allergy provision. **Lunch will cost £2.00 per day.** Students who qualify for Free School Meals will have funds automatically credited to their account. The canteen is only open at lunch.

## **Departure**

Students will be dismissed either at 3pm or 3:10pm. Parents picking up by car should arrive ready for a 3pm pick up just in case. Parents again must remain in their vehicles at all times.

## **Behaviour**

Every student was impeccably behaved last week. However, I must make clear that if a student does misbehave during the day, and fails to respond to warnings, the ultimate sanction will be to contact home to have him or her removed from the site. This will definitely be the case if their behaviour risks endangering others. We do not foresee having to use this sanction.

We very much look forward to seeing Year 10 again, and we hope they will find the sessions useful.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully

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