



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

Striving for Excellence

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Dear Parent/Carers,

It was truly heart lifting to see our students return to school after the summer holidays and to welcome all our Year 7's. As I watched them arrive I must say I did feel a little conflicted. While it was fantastic to see them back at school, it felt surreal and a little sad to see buses full of children all arrive wearing face coverings. Something no doubt I will get used to in the weeks and months ahead. On their faces I could see a mixture of both excitement and apprehension as they arrived, the last six months have been incredibly difficult for children and families across the county. However, they all quickly settled into our new ways of working and I remain supremely confident that the wonderful staff at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre will work tirelessly to help them catch up on lost learning.

Y11 Prom

It is still my firm intention to offer a Leavers Prom to the students who left us last academic year. However, I hope that everyone will understand that I cannot do this until there is a change in policy around social gatherings at the national level. I just wanted it to be clear if and when we can, we will. I am also aware that the longer this takes, the less likely it is that students will want it to happen, having moved on with their lives.

Reading Books

Please may I remind you to send your son or daughter into school with a book that is to be read whilst lesson changeover takes place.

School Buses

Please remind you your child in the strongest fashion that they must be sat in their year group bubbles on the buses and they should remain seated at all times during the journey. This request is critical to all of our safety. It is also vital that they catch the bus that they have been allocated to avoid the possibility of overcrowding.

PE Lessons

There will be no practical PE lessons for the first few weeks so there is no need for PE kit to be brought into school. Teachers will let them know when they need to start bringing it.

School Meals

While the current situation is extraordinary and everything in our lives is very different from what we were used to, there are some things that remain constant. Meet n Eat is open as usual for a full range of hot and cold meals. I believe that continuing to offer a full service is critical to the wellbeing of our students. However, please understand that we are only able to take cashless payments.

Milk & Email Passwords

Y7 & new students to the school have received their email and Milk account details today. Parent Milk account details will be distributed early next week.

Stagecoach Bus Passes

The Stagecoach bus passes will be distributed through tutors early next week to years 8-13.

I would like to finish by thanking you all for continuing to place your trust in us. There can be no doubt that there will be challenges ahead but I am confident by working together we can quickly restore a nurturing routine of education, wellbeing and social opportunity for our students.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alan Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alan Johnson
Principal