



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your superb efforts since the return to school in September. We are very proud of the way in which members of our school community have responded to the rapidly evolving circumstances regarding the reintroduction of Covid contingency measures. We continue to receive advice and guidance from the Local Authority and South West Directors of Public Health and work jointly to ensure any additional COVID19 response measures that are introduced are proportionate and necessary.

Over the half term break please continue with the twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing and ensure your child takes a test before returning to school on Monday 1st November. The current control measure in place within school, including the use of facemasks on school transport and in communal areas, will remain in place at the start of next term. A further MILK message will be issued regarding this on the day before the start of term. The MILK message will also include any updates received by the school from our partner agencies over the half term break.

Local Authority Fostering Media Film Launch

Gloucestershire County Council's Fostering Service has been working in partnership with thirty other local authorities to produce a film aimed at encouraging more local people to come forward to foster children and young people in care. To view the film please click [here](#). For further information on fostering within Gloucestershire please visit the website [here](#).

NCSPA

Please click [here](#) to view the latest NCSPA October Newsletter and to read about the excellent start to this initiative. Many thanks to all involved!

Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other various poppy items will be available to purchase online from the school's online shop after half term. All monies raised will go to the Poppy Appeal fund. Once purchased students will then need to go to Finance to collect their items. We will also be holding a whole school Remembrance Service outside on Thursday 11th November to pay our respects.

Book fair

We are pleased to confirm the return of the annual Newent School Book Fair which will run from 11th to 17th November. There will be over 200 titles to choose from and a full catalogue is available [here](#). The Library always has an extra buzz when the Book Fair is here, so please encourage your child to take a look. As you know we are unable to accept cash, so you will be able to purchase 'Vouchers' via our on line shop [here](#). Vouchers are available in various denominations including £1, £5, £10, £15, £20 or £25 and your child can purchase books to that value. Book prices range from £1.99 to £9.99 with most costing £7.99. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer refunds so please purchase vouchers as near as possible to the purchase you wish to make. Vouchers will be available to purchase until 9.30am on 17th November as the Book Fair leaves at the end of that day.

Gloucester Rugby Affiliation Scheme

We are delighted to announce that our school is partnered with Gloucester Rugby through their Affiliation Scheme. The Scheme allows the school to participate in a number initiatives run by the Club including a cash conversion scheme. Anyone associated with the school can purchase tickets taking advantage of discounted tickets with the school receiving a 10% cash back payment. To be able to use this offer, the following code must be used at the point of order:

AFNCS

Tickets can be purchased for any home game in the Gallagher Premiership, Premiership Rugby Cup, Challenge Cup or the Premiership Rugby shield. All tickets will be subject to availability and prices will vary depending on the fixture. Information regarding fixtures and tickets prices can be found [here](#).

Thank you also for your continued direct contact with the school if ever you have any queries or concerns relating to your child.

With best wishes for the week ahead,



Mr R Phillips
Acting Principal