



# Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Thank you for your patience as we transition our communications systems from Milk to our new provider, Satchel One. Further details including log-ins and instructional guides will be provided early next week.

## **Covid update**

Recent updates from the 'Living with COVID-19' plan issued by the government means that routine asymptomatic testing is no longer advised in mainstream school settings.

From 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end.

However, if students have any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 (a recent onset of a new continuous cough; a high temperature; or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell) you should order a PCR test. Students are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while they wait for the test result.

If positive, students should isolate and take an LFD test five days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. Two consecutive days of negative test results are required prior to returning to school. Full guidance can be found [here](#).

## **World Book Day**

Newent School celebrated World Book Day in style. There were some brilliant entries in the Potato Book Character competition with top honours going to Estera Kuciauskaite and Melody Stone; lots of tutor groups enjoyed the emoji title quiz; and staff had fun trying to find their Matching Pair, whilst one group of Year 7 girls wouldn't rest until they had identified every single one. Read for Good supplied us with a box of WBD books so that students who couldn't get to a bookshop could get their free book at school in their English Library lesson, and I believe the Hogwarts Roast was a big success with Hagrid's Cockroach Clusters disappearing in the first 20 minutes! Many thanks to all staff involved with this wonderful event.

## **Events in Ukraine**

We will continue to support our students in school who have concerns over the distressing events in Ukraine. We are also working with our community partners to identify the best way to show our support for the people of Ukraine. We will share further details in our correspondence during next week.

Best wishes and have a great weekend,

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Mr Rhys Phillips  
Acting Principal