



# Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back from the Christmas break. I hope that you and all the children are all renewed and refreshed and looking forward to starting a new term. A reminder that there is a change of timings to the school day and the gate now closes sharp at 8.30am in order to ensure that registration can take place on time, so please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time (please see attached a letter that was sent out to parents/carers before Christmas about late procedures).

### Covid-19

In line with Government advice, schools will be returning to the wearing of face coverings in all classrooms and communal areas at all times, unless seated and eating. I ask that you ensure that your child arrives to school with the appropriate face covering every day. Lateral Flow Testing has been taking place for all students and will continue to do so for the next couple of weeks or until we are advised otherwise. If your child receives a positive test result, they will need to self-isolate for **seven days**. You can now end self-isolation at day 7 following two negative LFD tests taken 24hrs apart. See the government guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. Please note that close contacts will be identified by NHS Test & Trace and your child's school will not send suspected contacts home. I attach a letter from Hackney Education with further advice.

### Charities

Our Advent charity collections have proved extremely successful, with collecting items for the Food Bank, the Shoe and Clothing Bank, as well as £1,163 being collected from the various fundraising events and donations last term. These will be distributed, to the Catholic Children's Society, CAFOD, The Passage and Crisis at Christmas.

Year 10 & 12 Parents' Evening - Early Closure – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022: In order to support the students with their impending examinations, the school will be closing early and students will be dismissed in Years 7-10 at **1pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Students in Years 11, 12 & 13 will remain onsite. Both parents' evenings will take place in person but socially distanced and following all Covid-19 guidance. Separate letters will be sent out later this week with further details.

### Confirmation Course

Please note that Our Lady & St Catherine of Siena Church in Bow is running a confirmation course. Applications are available from the church and should be returned to Father Howard by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022. There will be a parents' meeting in the church on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. The confirmation course will commence on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6pm in the church.

Uniform: As the cold weather sets in, you are reminded that your child should wear to and from school **only** the Cardinal Pole Catholic School coat. Non-uniform items of clothing brought into school **will be confiscated** and your child will receive a warning, if the item returns into school for a second time then the item will be confiscated for the remainder of the half term and will need collecting by a parent/carer. If the cost of purchasing a Cardinal Pole School coat is an issue, please contact your child's Head of Year, as the St Vincent de Paul Society have agreed, where need is established, to fund our school coats. All students must wear school shoes (plain low heel black leather shoes worn below the ankle (not suede or patent). No ankle boots/boots, including "Kicker" boots. No trainers or shoes which look like trainers. Black laces only. Please also note that **only** Cardinal Pole School scarves and hats **are** permitted and must be removed upon entry into the building. Our school tie must also be worn at all times. These can be purchased via ParentPay and collected from the school office once the payment has been made.



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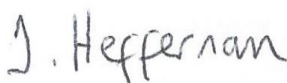
Mobile Phones: Can I remind parents that mobile phones are **not** allowed in school. They are not only a distraction to learning but also make students vulnerable to mugging on the streets and bullying via Social Media. If your child is found to be in possession of a mobile phone, this will be confiscated and collection is only permitted by an appropriate Adult on a Friday after school. To ensure their safety, all students are required to go straight home after school and not remain in the local area in school uniform. Students involved in incidents outside of school will receive sanctions.

Half Term and Key Dates: Please note the following key dates for this half term:-


Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	:	Early Closure for students in Years 7-10 at 1pm.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	:	Year 12 Parents' Evening – 1.30pm-3.30pm.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	:	Year 10 Parents' Evening – 4pm-7pm.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	:	Headteacher's Parent Forum 10am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	:	Early Finish - Year 8 Options Marketplace and Parents' Evening – timings TBC
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022	:	Year 13 Parents' Evening – timings TBC.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022	:	Winter Concert
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	:	Half Term

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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