

Our Lady's Catholic College

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14th May 2021

Dear parents/carers

Thank you to all who supported our fund raising for Lancashire Mind. There have been different events through the week for pupils as we mark Mental Health Awareness week. The link for Lancashire MIND, that is available to us because we work directly with them, is below. Please take a look, there are resources that you may find useful.

<https://www.lancashiremind.org.uk/pages/220-whole-school-approach>

Update on Face Masks

From Monday 17th May pupils will no longer be required to wear face coverings in the classroom. This will improve interaction between teachers and students, ensuring the clearest possible communication to support learning.

However, the number of cases is increasing locally so we must all remain vigilant. Therefore, we will continue to insist that face coverings should be worn by pupils, staff and visitors when moving around in corridors and communal areas until half term. This will help to protect against any spread of infection and ensure the minimum disruption to your child education as well as keeping our school community safe.

Pupils who are exempt will not need to wear masks but please remind them that it is even more important they follow the social distancing arrangements as they may still contract the virus and can transmit the virus to others. Pupils will still need to wear masks on buses and shops.

The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised in the future for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern.

Testing

As there has been an increase in cases locally we would remind those who wish to test to continue to use the Lateral Flow Tests kits twice each week. Regular rapid testing will continue to help find and isolate asymptomatic cases when they do occur.

Year 11 and 13

Assessments are ongoing with these year groups. We understand that this is a stressful time for them and it has been a very difficult 12 months. They have coped incredibly well and we are very proud of them. Both year groups will have well deserved celebrations on their last day.

To those parents with children who will not return in September I would like to thank you for choosing Our Lady's for your son or daughter. They have added to our community and we wish them and you all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

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