

26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Update for opening on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Dear all

Following a number of meetings we are pleased to confirm that Newman will be fully open to all pupils from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We are really looking forward to welcoming back children across Newman. We have not planned any staggered start dates for different year groups and for those coming by transport the same school times will apply. For parents/carers bring your child by your own car there are new drop off/ collection arrangements. If you are bringing your child in the morning please use NAR drive next to main school drive between 09:30-9:45a.m. There will be no access to the drive before or after these times, for the safety of our children. You can choose, during these times, to walk up the drive; please be mindful that you should not park on the dual carriageway and that there is only limited on street parking available. When collecting use the main school drive between 3 and 3:15p.m. You must leave before the busses or you may be stuck in a queue for a long time, as we will be prioritising the busses and taxi's after 3:15p.m. Again there is the option to park the car and walk to the school. Please be aware that you must walk on the left and we will require parents to wait on the drive for your child, the school/toilets are not accessible either in the morning or the afternoon. If you have specific queries and require some form of reasonable adjustments please contact Toni Smith on the school number.

I know many of you may have all sorts of understandable anxieties about your child/children returning to school. We have made every possible effort to minimise the risk of attending Newman. We have robust hygiene and infection control measures in place. Staff will be wearing visors throughout the school day - other measures may also be introduced e.g. masks. We have changed the way school runs and this includes creating small teaching units and reducing movement within school. We have also been asked to reduce significantly the use of cash within school with the aim of being cashless as soon possible. If you need help using other types of payment please contact Toni Smith.

Just to remind you about any confirmed Covid case and what you need to do for us to support our efforts in keeping everyone safe. Please get a test if you feel unwell with any of the symptoms of Covid. If someone in your household test positive your child needs to isolate and you need to let us know immediately. If your child tests positive track and trace will be used. In the event of any confirmed cases in school closure or part closure may be required following the direction of Public Health England and other authorities. We will update you of any issues regarding Covid in school via the text message service and using the school website and Facebook.

Please contact the school if you have any queries and keep safe.

Kind regards

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