



MARICOURT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your loved ones are all safe and well. I am sure we are all glad to see the end of a very challenging year and hope that next year we can return to a better version of normal. The students have been excellent in the way they have responded to the different ways of working and we cannot thank you enough for the support we have had from parents and carers over the last few months.

Teaching Groups in Year 8 and Y9

Teaching groups in these years will remain the same after Christmas.

Parents' Evenings and Reports

From January our parents' evenings will be held remotely. We have an on-line facility in place which will provide five-minute virtual meetings with subject staff. This has been used very successfully in other schools. More information on how this will operate will be sent out in the new year. You will also notice a change to our reporting system. Our new system has been developed to identify the curriculum content covered and the strengths and areas for development. We will be sending these reports home electronically so will share with you the information we currently hold to ensure we have your correct contact details.

Transport

We have been informed that train times will change again in January but will still be limited to every half an hour. As a result, school will start for all year groups at 8.50am, our usual time. All students will have form time in the morning. We will extend break by five minutes from 11.15am to 11.35 am, which means lunch will also be slightly later from 12.40pm-1.10pm. Students will be dismissed between 3.10pm and 3.20pm so we can stagger their exit and reduce the risk on public transport. Students will remain in their year bubbles and zones as they are at the moment. The train times are subject to change and this information is correct as of today. If there are any alterations we will inform you immediately.

Self-Isolation

The rules relating to the period of self-isolation have changed. Here is the latest guidance we have:

1. New self-isolation guidance for close contacts of COVID-19 comes into force on Monday 14th December 2020. As of Monday 14th December 2020, the isolation period will reduce to 10 days.
2. If you have been asked to isolate by an NHS T&T staff member or on the advice of Public Health England before Monday 14th December 2020, you will only need to isolate for 10 days but this must include Monday 14th December 2020. For example, if you were told to isolate until 16th December 2020, you will be able to stop isolating on the 14th December 2020. If you were told to isolate until the Sunday 13th December 2020, you must continue with the full isolation period until Sunday 13th December 2020.





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3. The NHS T&T App will not update with the new isolation periods until Thursday 17th December 2020. If you are told to isolate by the App from now until Thursday 17th December 2020, you can stop isolating when the countdown says "3 days remain". After Thursday 17th December 2020, you will need to isolate for the full period notified by the App.
4. Isolation periods will take the day contact occurred as Day 0 of the isolation period. You must remain in isolation until Day 11. For example, contact on 11th December 2020 = Day 0; last day of self-isolation is 21st December 2020 = Day 10; able to resume normal activities on 22nd December 2020 = Day 11.

If you need to contact us regarding a positive case of Covid 19 over the holidays please e mail maricourt@maricourt.net

End of term

We will be open as planned on Friday 18th December and students are expected in full school uniform. Students in Y7 and Y11 will be dismissed at 11.45am and students in years 8,9 and 10 will be dismissed at 12.15pm. Sixth Form students will finish at the end of their last lesson of the morning.

Christmas dinner will be served in Arnold for Year7 on Wednesday 16th December and for Year 8 on Thursday 17th December. There will be a cold service for the alternate year group on these days. All other year groups will have Christmas dinner in Newman on Thursday 17th December. We also have some activities planned for all students later in the week.

Spring term begins on Monday 4th January 2021 at 8.50am for all year groups.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay safe and God bless.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Mangan,

Headteacher.

