



Easter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since my last letter home, we have focussed on two key issues that impact on our school in many ways. These being attendance and behaviour in and around our school. Unfortunately, as we continue to make changes and create an environment where teachers teach, and students learn there have remained a number of challenges. If we focus firstly on attendance ensuring that all students attend school on time and avoid missing valuable time away.

As we look forward to the end of this term and the start of another, I wanted to remind you all of the importance of school attendance. Think about the impact on your learning if your attendance is:

95% = 9 days approximately 54 lessons

90% = 19 days approximately 114 lessons

85% = 29 days approximately 174 lessons

70% or less = 57+ days approximately 342 lessons and counting

As stated in previous communications, when a student wears our school uniform, that door to door pride is paramount to our reputation being sustained. Unfortunately, I have been contacted by some members within the community to complain about student behaviour to and from school. Members of our pastoral team have spent time responding to these matters and students who have let the school down and tarnished our reputation have been punished accordingly. That said, in this season of Lent as a Catholic school we must ensure that reconciliation takes place between all parties and as a school we can move forward and celebrate all that is good about our school.

As a school we continue to pray on a daily basis for all those innocent people caught up in the conflicts in both Gaza and Ukraine, asking God to shine a light into the many families affected by the continued violence.



***Heavenly Father, thank you for being a generous God who provides us with many good things.
We recognise that Lent and Easter commemorate your sacrifice of giving up your Son for us.
Thank you for your generosity.
Help us to be kind, do our best, and be generous when helping others during this Lenten season.
May we contribute to building a better world where each person can become the best version of themselves
Amen.***

MECMAT update:



Our school officially joined the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Academy Trust on 1st January. Our school have joined a family of Catholic schools in the South of Preston and look forward to working with more schools over time. The vision of the MAT is a simple one, to work together to meet the needs of all and strive for excellence. Within our family, members of our community are loved and valued as unique individuals made in the image of God. They are respected and cherished and given every opportunity to grow together. As 'One Family in Christ' we embrace, celebrate, and inspire our diverse communities to achieve their full potential.

The CEO Peter Duffy has been working closely with our school to support some operational changeovers as we begin this new chapter in our school's history.

Before we embark on our Easter break there are a number of gentle reminders, I would draw your attention to.

Safeguarding:

As many of you will be aware, since our last Ofsted inspection we have worked tirelessly to ensure we have appropriate systems and support in place to help our most vulnerable children. During the Easter holidays if there are any concerns then please see the contact phone numbers below to raise any concerns.

If you have a concern regarding **Mental Health or Emotional Wellbeing**, please see helpful tools and signposting information on the student support section of the school website

If you have a concern regarding the Safety of a Child or Young Person, please contact Lancashire County Council on **0300 123 6720** or out of hours **0300 123 6722**. Or you can place safeguarding referrals to social care here: Lancashire Family Safeguarding

Report a concern to the Pastoral Team



Please click the image above to report a concern

In an emergency, always dial 999.

A further reminder that any of our students can raise any safeguarding concerns on our Firefly portal by clicking the icon on the front page below and completing a short form.

Year 11:

Mrs Dodd and all departments have been working hard to ensure your son/daughter has the best preparation in place ahead of the GCSE examinations that begin after Easter. We know that this can be a stressful time and have systems in place to support. However, I would urge all parents/carers to encourage their children to start revising, consider drafting a timetable to assist with their studies. Having completed the second round of Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) it is well proven that using practice exam papers is also useful as well as accessing the many revision resources provided by subject areas. If students understand and interpret the questions through constant practice, they will lift their marks which can lead to higher grades. The more time spent, the better the chance to achieve higher grades. This is the final push now so please support this request!

Parental/carer visits to our school:

As you will be aware we are a busy school and therefore our staff are fully engaged in supporting students directly and indirectly on a daily basis. Therefore, please do not just turn up expecting to meet members of staff including members of our Pastoral Team. It is requested that you make an appointment. We will always endeavour to be flexible but sometimes that is just simply not possible.

I would also like to raise a matter about the behaviour of some parents/carers towards our office staff. We have discreet signage round the school site notably in the main reception area about behaviour. Please treat everyone with respect to allow us to work more effectively together. If you use threatening behaviour towards any member of staff whether that is over the telephone or in person you will be asked to leave and failing that we will contact the Police. Everyone deserves the right to feel safe and work in a calm environment and not feel threatened by anyone.

Uniform:

Please ensure that your child wears correct school uniform including their tie and appropriate footwear not trainers. This rule is very clear and unless there is a medical reason supported by a medical note they should always be in appropriate footwear for school. As stated previously Headscarves **must be** plain black and not patterned. Please note that students will be challenged if they turn up wearing inappropriate uniform.

As you are aware we do not permit the use of mobile phones on our school site during school hours. I would appreciate your support with the next request to continue to remind your son/daughter that air pods/wireless ear phones are not permitted to be used during school hours. If they are they will be confiscated and they will only be allowed to pick them up from the school office at the end of the day. The rules for mobile phone confiscation still apply.

Please can I remind parents/carers about student hairstyles. The school rules state quite clearly that these should not be extreme, unnatural coloured, shaven heads or anything else deemed inappropriate based on our standards of expectation. If ever you are unsure please contact the Head of Year to clarify.

Nut allergies:

Please could you contact the school reception if your child has a peanut/nut allergy as a matter of urgency. The school should be kept up to date if this changes, including any medication kept in school including EpiPens. Please do not assume that we know this information in particular if your child has developed this allergy since joining Ctk.

Free School vouchers:

Once again, the Government are supplying Free School Meals Vouchers for the Easter break. These were emailed to you by Edenred on 22nd March 2024. Please check your email and redeem as soon as possible. Once redeemed you can then spend them up to 22nd June 2024.

School PAN increase:

Some of you may be aware that LCC has approached Christ The King to look at increasing our school roll with effect from September this year. This is a temporary increase of 20 students but going forward we will be increasing our intake in year 7 from 80 to 100 students permanently. In short this is good news for our school to grow by around 100 over the next 5 years. I am aware that I need to consult with Parents/Carers over this change. If you have any comments/concerns to raise then please contact our main reception at your convenience.

End of term arrangements:

Please note that we are in school for the majority of Holy week. On Thursday the term will end at 12.40pm. If your child travels by one of the designated buses, they will arrive earlier to accommodate students leaving at this time.

We will be returning to school in **Week 1** and look forward to seeing your son/daughter return to school on **Monday 15 April at 8.40am in their full school uniform.**

I want to wish you all a very happy and Holy Easter.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr SN Corless', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mr SN Corless
Headteacher**

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SCHOOL
MEALS**

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Easter

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Christ The King Catholic High School

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