



# Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I welcome all the students back to school following the half-term break and it has been refreshing to have some sunshine over the showers.

Crucial to us in the Staffordshire Moorlands is the increase in Covid cases, especially the Delta variant in the Leek area. To this end we have met with the local authority this week. It is absolutely imperative that staff and students conduct LFT tests twice weekly and record results on NHS test and trace and the school website. We have been requested to monitor the level of testing in school. All students have been issued with further testing kits in school and should more be required, these are available in school. Additionally, all aspects of our updated risk assessment are being fully adhered to and I ask all parents to read the letter circulated earlier this week from the local authority regarding the outbreak.

We have introduced clear expectations in relation to mobile phones and other devices on the school premises. I must praise and thank the students for their understanding and compliance with the expectations. For reference, the following applies to all students in Year 7 to 11;

*Mobile device out – first confiscation  <i>*Includes mobile phones, air pods, ear phones, tablets</i>	4	Device to be passed to student enquires (reception on a Friday). Reception staff member to add points to sims. Student to collect at the end of the day.
Mobile device out – second confiscation in a 2 week period	4	Device passed to reception – points put on sims. Reception to pass the device to PL – PL to inform the parent that the device has been confiscated twice (within a fortnight). It will be kept next time until the parent can come and collect it.
Mobile device out – third confiscation in 2 week period	4	PL to ask parents/guardians to come in to collect the device. PL keeps the device until this happens. Student hands the device in every day for a fortnight as a further deterrent to prevent a repeat of this behaviour.

We advise against students having smart watches in school. Smart watches will be confiscated if it is deemed that students are using them inappropriately e.g. receiving a call, text, social media etc.



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Additionally, I remind all students and parents of the following uniform expectations;

Boys	Girls
White Shirt Clip-On Tie (red and silver grey stripe on navy blue) Black Blazer including College Badge Dark grey Trousers (not jeans, corduroy, canvas or fashion trousers) Black Shoes (not trainer style) Grey/Black Socks (not white) <b>Optional</b> - Grey long sleeve pullover, V-neck (not cardigan) PE Kit	Years 7-9, Red and White College Striped Blouse Years 10 and 11, White Blouse with collar Clip-On Tie (red and silver grey strip on navy blue) Black Blazer including College Badge Dark Grey terylene Skirt, Contemporary Trutex or Salisbury style skirt – KNEE length– no shorter than 20” with the logo embroidered below the waistband (Jersey type skirts are not acceptable) Steel Grey Signature Classic Banner Trouser Black Shoes – no heels or sling-backs Black ankle socks, black/natural tights <b>Optional</b> - Grey long sleeve pullover, V-neck (not cardigan) PE Kit
No hairstyles which are considered unsuitable by the Principal may be worn at College. Boys’ hair must be of moderate length (minimum grade 3 cut) and any girl or boy with long hair must wear it tied back. Gel worn on hair is not allowed. Fashion haircuts, such as steps, lines and shaved styles are not allowed. Under no circumstances must a student dye, colour, streak or highlight his/her hair.  No jewellery should be worn except a wrist watch.	

Should there be any difficulty in relation to uniform I would kindly request that as always you contact your child’s pastoral lead <https://www.painsley.co.uk/contact/heads-of-year-pastoral-leads/>.

As a reminder, all parents have been sent information regarding school transportation for 2021/22. A copy of the letter, the standing order and the link to the Google Form are on our website <https://www.painsley.co.uk/parents-students/college-transport/>. All spaces on school transportation must be booked by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any queries please follow the instructions on the letter.

I am sure you will be aware of the latest national Ofsted report on sexual harassment in schools. All of us at Painsley Catholic College are committed to the values of the report. Behaviour related to sexual or other abuse has never been or will ever be tolerated at Painsley. We are currently reviewing the Rewards and Sanctions Policy and the findings of the report will be specifically addressed through our policy, through our safeguarding channels and in our Pastoral/Citizenship and Relationships and Sexual Education Curriculum.

Looking ahead to next week, students in Years 7 -10 and Year 12 start their assessment fortnight. All students have received assessment timetables. I would ask all students to follow the instructions of the teaching staff through



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homework as this has been designed to support the students in revision and preparation for the assessments. Given another disrupted year of learning it is crucial that we have a clear grasp of students' knowledge, understanding and skills so that we can support them to develop in their learning.

In the gospel on Sunday (Mark 4: 26-34) Jesus describes the Kingdom of God as a growing seed and as a mustard seed. Jesus uses this imagery to illustrate how the Kingdom of God is shared in our acts of kindness and love.

'The Kingdom of God is there, hidden in the holiness of daily life', *Pope Francis*.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh  
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