



OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday July 6th

Re: Transition Updates, Newman Family of Schools, Partial Closure of High Street, Feedback on Evaluation Questionnaire.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Huge thanks for your support with Sports day yesterday, it was great to see so many of you and enjoy a real community event. Please remember that we've another chance to get together at our Summer Fair on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> between 12 and 3pm.

Transition Updates:

All the children have now spent time in their next classes for next year and have met the staff that they'll be working with. As part of a wider transition strategy, we've kept the staffing as stable as we can and have, as in previous years used the opportunity to ensure that some teaching staff follow their classes up where we feel that would be of benefit. Another aspect this year is considering how we might support the transition of our youngest Reception class into Year 1 given the disruption that the pandemic has caused to their nursery education. This class will still be 'going up' to Year 1 altogether, but we're adding an extra dimension to their provision in that we'll be utilising an additional room which has outside access. This will mean a greater opportunity for children to continue with their play based learning for a little longer and allow us to 'blend' the transition from play based to classroom learning. Year 1 will therefore have the best of both worlds in not only 2 classroom spaces but also an outside area. In doing this we continue to give them the best possible foundation before Year 2 beckons. If any parents would like to see how this will work, please contact me and I can explain further and organise a brief tour.

Newman Family of Schools:

Many of you will be aware that this Saturday, some of our Year 5 children will be performing as part of the Deanery Choir at Cardinal Newman School. We continue to work really closely, not just with Newman, but also the other Catholic Primaries in our locality or 'Deanery' in order to continually improve and widen our provision. It's an exciting time across the partnership with cross phase work becoming more and more common – in fact, it's been great for me to get over to Newman regularly and surprise some of our ex-students who thought they'd left me behind forever! Seriously, I always enjoy meeting 'Our Lady's' alumni and they seem equally please – albeit a little shocked. I'll keep you updated in how these plans progress.

Partial Closure of High Street:

Like us, I know that you'll be devastated to learn of the passing of a student at St. Margaret's School. The whole of Our Lady's community has expressed its deepest condolences to Rachel, her team and parents. The funeral is set for 12th July - starting at 1pm in the High Street. There will be a horse drawn carriage and procession up the High Street and round the pond to St Margaret's Church. We can expect the streets to be lined with families the cricket team and representatives from Cardinal Newman. The service is expected to start at 1.30pm, followed by private burial in St Margaret's grounds. This will mean that there is likely to be disruption at pick up times, so please allow some extra time for your journeys.

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Feedback on Evaluation Questionnaire

Thanks again for the feedback that you recently gave us on different elements of our school. Below are the results along with some actions that you'll see in place from September:

Question (63 responses)	Key Response %
My child is happy	96%
My child feels safe	98%
The school ensures children are well behaved	98%
If I'd raised a bullying concern, the school dealt with it effectively	96%
I'm aware of what my child has to learn	65%
If I raise a concern, it's dealt with promptly	88%
My child has a SEND and is supported appropriately	93%
The school has high expectations for my child	85%
My child is doing well	95%
I'm aware of how my child is doing	92%
There are a good range of sports and activities	92%
The school supports the wider personal development of my child	87%
I'd recommend the school to other parents	96%

Actions:

1. Ensure that all topics and schedule of lessons for each year group is published on our website for September, allowing all parents and carers to see what is being covered and at what time.
2. Review how concerns are dealt with in terms of a clear route through to individual teachers or the SLT.
3. Look at the embedding of 'Active Citizenship' to widen our provision, preparing children for their next steps within school and our community.
4. Communicate more clearly about the expectations we have for every child and how we're working to support these.

Enjoy the remainder of the week, I'll see you on my return from Blacklands with Year 6.

Best regards,

Paul

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