

	<b>CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL</b> <b>PARENT VOICE MEETING MINUTES</b> <b>2019 / 2020 Meeting #3</b>	
	Date	15/06/2020

**Attendees**

Helen McGhee (DHT) Elaine McDade (Minutes) (S4 & S6) Jon McLeish (Chair) (S3)  
 Stephen Walsh (Vice Chair) (S2 & S6) Robert Smith (AHT)  
 11 additional parents covering all year groups

**1. Welcome**

Welcome by Mr Smith to this meeting conducted over Microsoft Teams.

**2. Introduction**

The meeting began by Mr Smith providing an overview on what has been happening recently. Following this summary, the forum was open to questions - all answers below are a summary.

**Will there be sufficient hand-washing facilities within the school?**

Sufficient hand-washing facilities and sanitisers will be available. In addition, school cleaning will occur.

**How will social distancing be enforced?**

Any failure to adhere to social distancing rules will be treated in a similar fashion to other discipline breaches.

**Will pupils be asked to wear PPE, e.g. face masks?**

At present, the school are awaiting advice on this however they can be worn if desired. In any instance requiring first aid, both the first aider and affected child will be required to wear PPE, which will be provided by the local authority.

**Will pupils get a temperature check on arrival at school?**

This is not currently part of the school risk assessment.

**What happens if a pupil or teacher becomes unwell during the school day?**

A step by step plan is in place for this scenario and instructions have been included in the school risk assessment.

**3. Transition Programme**

Identified families took part in enhanced transition comprising of small groups, then each associated primary were given time slots to tour the school.

**4. Uniform**

Pupils are required to wear the defined uniform when they attend school. The school provides S1 – S3 pupils with a black PE top. Extra tops can be purchased by contacting the school. The Red PE top will be removed from the LogoXpress shopping option.

**5. Curriculum Model**

The proposed model is still under review.

**Will the children be given a bigger overview of the on-line portals?**

At present it is undecided whether to restart and go straight in to the formal learning, or to take a few days to assess how pupils have fared over the last months with the on-line facilities and identify gaps and improvements required.

**Has the school considered Virtual Teaching, where those children at home can receive a video lesson, following their standard time-table?**

At present the school is looking at a platform called V-Scene for upper school incorporating live or recorded lessons.

**Would it be possible to provide the pupils with a timetable for their at-home learning?**

This has not been discussed but could be considered under advice from NLC.

**What criteria will be used to assign children to their “pod”?**

This will be based on the availability for subject choices, in order to make curricular delivery more effective.

**Will the technology used continue to be a mixture of Show My Homework and Microsoft Teams, as this can sometimes be confusing?**

The plan is to continue with both options.

**What will pupils in S6, who are not doing Maths or English to an advanced level do?**

This has yet to be decided. The parent council input was invaluable for further planning – which will be updated to parents and carers.

**When previously choosing subjects for S5, there was a column where no subject option was suitable. How can this be resolved under these new circumstances?**

This is where V-Scene may come in useful, for other subject choices at other schools to be made available. The school may have to add some additional resource.

**Comparison to other schools**

All NLC cluster schools are providing a similar programme. All models being discussed are still at a planning stage and not yet ready for implementation.

5 Proposed Start / Finish Times

Start: 08:45 – 09:00 Staggered

End: 14:55 – 15:10 Staggered

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There are 3 entrances and 3 muster areas identified within the school grounds where pupils will congregate in Pods. The number of buses scheduled to arrive at school has still to be determined and will depend on social distancing requirements in August. Issue of PPE requirement on school transport still to be clarified.

5.1 Lunch Provision

There will be no hot meals for the 1<sup>st</sup> few weeks of the new term. Sandwiches, fruit & water/juice can be ordered at the start of the school day. (This has changed! Hot snacks will now be available but still following the model “hot snacks to go”. (Burgers, hot dogs, hot wraps etc.)

The social areas will be closed (due to size and lack of ventilation), with lunch and break time taking place either in the Pod room (wet weather) or outside (dry weather). This has yet to be confirmed, as other possibilities may exist, e.g. Games room, theatre, snapdragon, etc.

**If parents are in a position to take children home for lunch will this be allowed?**

Yes

**Will free school meal provision last for 5 days and if so, how will this be provided?**

This will be assessed by NLC, as free school meal provision will only be available, when the children are in school.

**If children had lunch in their Pods, can they then go outside with a teacher?**

There isn't sufficient resource for this at CNHS. However, if a teacher is able to take children outside – absolutely.

**Is there the possibility of installing a cover of some description within the school grounds that would offer shelter from inclement weather?**

This is something that can be considered.

**What kind of PE provision will be available?**

The school will potentially have the use of the MUGA, Sir Matt Busby, Strathclyde Park, the Games Room and the Fire Muster area. NLC have provided information to the PE department on what type of activity will be possible.

6. AOB

6.1 Exam results for 2019 exam diet

Concern was raised about the exam results for S4 – S6 pupils.

6.2 Face-to-face time for senior pupils

The local authority will review the timetable to ensure that it provides a sufficient quality of education.

6.3 S6 Pupil events

It was noted that the S6 pupils who had now left school had been unable to participate in the normal celebrations, e.g. prom, graduation, year book, etc. The school were asked if they would be prepared to participate in these events in future, when conditions made it possible. Mr Smith commented that the teaching body had been discussing this and would be happy to do this when the time was right.

6.4 Mr Ross Absence

Mr Smith provided an update on Mr Ross's absence due to illness. He was still in touch with the school and hoped to return in time for the start of the new term.

6.5 Thanks

The chair wished Mr Ross a speedy recovery and acknowledged the efforts that the SLT and whole teaching body had put in to try and create a safe and educational environment for the children and for all the on-line working that had been prepared for the pupils since the end of March. The Parent Voice recognised the effort that was involved and thanked them for this and for their time during the meeting this evening.