



CANON SLADE SCHOOL



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Dear parent/carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our students and families for your support and cooperation in ensuring an orderly and safe return to school. It is lovely to have everyone back and our students have adapted well to our new structures and routines.

During the summer break we have updated our IT systems to allow access to Microsoft Teams to support remote learning should the need arise. Staff are working hard to deliver a full curriculum for all our year groups and are involved in the training in the use of Teams to support the delivery of learning in all our subjects going forward. Students will also be receiving an introduction to Teams over the coming weeks and further information will be available for parents on how to support their child with remote learning.

Please see below some important reminders/information.

Large school events

Due to current restrictions in Bolton, we are currently unable to hold any large school events until further notice. We will ensure parents/carers are provided with the information that they would have received at these events via email/telephone or through the website. We know this is disappointing but we hope that you can understand that this is the safest option for all our pupils and their families.

Travel to and from school

- We have received a number of complaints about overloading on the 982 service, these have all been passed on to TfGM who are the body responsible for provision and monitoring of these services. They are looking at the situation and will be doing a full survey of the route to try and find a solution.
- Please can you remind your son/daughter to wear their face covering for the whole duration of the bus journey.
- Students on double decker services must not stand up on the top deck, standing is only permitted on the lower deck.

Reminder for parents dropping off pupils in the morning – we are currently getting around 200 cars through the bus lane each morning. In order to prevent the queue backing up on to Tonge Moor road, please:

- use both sides of the bus lane near to the road, merging in turn at the end
- move as far forward as possible
- please leave site as soon as your child/children have left the vehicle
- try to avoid the time between 8.35 and 8.50 as this is the busiest time – if students arrive earlier than 8.30 they have designated areas where they can wait and from 8.30 they should go to their form rooms.
- please park with consideration for local residents, please do not park on double yellow lines/block driveways on the nearby roads

Cashless catering



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The school is now operating a cashless system. Please use the scopay system to top up your child's dinner card as we are unable to accept cash that is brought into school unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Absences relating to Covid 19

If your child is off school awaiting test results, please inform the attendance team and update the school if circumstances change. We also require proof of the test result and this can be emailed to contact@canon-slade.bolton.sch.uk

COVID-19 symptoms

It is important that all of us are vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19 and understand what actions we should take if someone develops them, either at school or at home.

The main symptoms to be aware of are:

- new continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If a young person or a child in your care develops any of the above symptoms, they should self-isolate and you should book them a test as soon as possible.

We recommend testing only for those with a continuous cough, fever, or loss of or change in the sense of taste or smell. The UK senior clinicians continue to keep the symptoms for case definition under review and will continue to use evidence to adjust these if it becomes necessary.

It is essential that people who have COVID-19 symptoms, or who share a household with someone who has symptoms, do not attend school, nursery or other childcare settings, and must self-isolate along with all members of their household. If the test is negative, self-isolation can end for everyone. If the test is positive, Track and Trace will give you further advice.

Cold-like symptoms

If, however, your child does not have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they and you do not need to self-isolate. Your child can go to school if fit to do so.

The coming year will have its challenges for us all. Changes and uncertainties are inevitable but as a school community we will continue to have faith, work hard and deliver the best education we can.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Karen Sudworth
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