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4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Newman Family

### **Welcome to Cardinal Newman Catholic School!**

We are delighted that you have accepted the place for your child for September 2023. Although we are, as in previous years, heavily oversubscribed we never take your choice of secondary school for granted. It is one of the most important decisions that you will make for your child and we are really excited about warmly welcoming your child and your family to the Newman Family. Our school ethos is underpinned by the motto "**Caritas Excellence Together**" (Caritas means the Love that comes from God) and we aim to apply all three of those values equally to all that we do, beginning with the transition process

### **Caritas**

We pride ourselves on our careful induction of students to secondary school and know that this is a very important and exciting time for students. Our induction process consists of a number of events, the first two being a visit from a member of our transition team to your child's current school. We visit the primary schools to talk to the children about life in secondary school and will also be speaking to their class teachers to identify areas in which children excel as well as any challenges children may have in school. This is followed by a taster day for your child at Cardinal Newman this will be on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023** and a more detailed letter will be sent out to you nearer the time.

**A New Intake Event** will be held **in early July 2023** (date to be confirmed) when you and your child will meet their House Team for next year.

### **Excellence**

Excellence for us means always striving for our personal best, and we aim to support students to fulfil their potential and to fully realise their God-given talents, whether that be academically, creatively, physically or spiritually.

### **Together**

Finally, I want to emphasise that we are thrilled that you have chosen Cardinal Newman Catholic School. In line with the teachings of the Catholic Church we regard parents and carers as the first and the best teacher of their child and we will do all we can to work in partnership with you. We look forward to welcoming you to our community but if you do have any questions or concerns in the meantime please contact our Admissions Manager, Mrs F Coates on Telephone Ext. 238. Email: [f.coates@cncs.co.uk](mailto:f.coates@cncs.co.uk).

The offer you have now received of a place at Cardinal Newman Catholic School is fully secure. However, because we are heavily oversubscribed there have been many disappointed families, therefore if you should decide not to accept this place, or change your mind at any time prior to September, please tell us as soon as you can. We can then offer that place to families on our waiting list.

We can't wait to meet you!

Yours faithfully



Ms C Jarman  
Principal  
and on behalf of the  
Governors' Admissions Committee

### **Cardinal Newman Information for our New Students**

[New Starters Page](#) – this is now live on our web-site and will be continually updated with information for you.

**Sussex Uniforms** We realise that preparing for life in Secondary School can be a challenge. To welcome the New Year 7 students to the school, Sussex Uniforms have a special introductory offer. The attached promotional leaflet is for all new starters in Year 7 and can be used **online or in their store**.

[www.sussexuniforms.co.uk](http://www.sussexuniforms.co.uk)

<https://www.sussexuniforms.co.uk/pages/back-to-school>

You can also visit their store at [40 Blatchington Road, Hove, BN3 3YH](#). Tel: 01444 227066 and email [sales@sussexuniforms.co.uk](mailto:sales@sussexuniforms.co.uk).

Shop Opening Times

Monday - 10am - 4pm

Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday - 10am - 4pm

Thursday - Closed

Friday - Closed

Saturday - 10am - 4pm

Sunday - Closed

The uniform list is attached to this email.

### **Skirts**

**Our skirts are now only available to purchase directly from the school – both brand new and pre-loved.**

**New skirts £30 – for all sizes**

**Pre-loved skirts £5.00 – for all sizes**

**Please see below details of how and when to purchase.**

### **Cardinal Newman Pre-Loved Uniform Shop**

**We have a large supply of good quality pre-loved uniform for sale. You are welcome to come into school on any **Monday or Tuesday** between 10 – 3.30pm to purchase this from the main school reception, by card only (unfortunately we cannot accept cash). Approximate prices are £2.50 for most items and £5.00 for skirts and any pre-loved branded items (i.e. leggings, track trousers, hoodies) however, we do not have many pre-loved branded items at the moment.**

**Please email [reception@cncs.co.uk](mailto:reception@cncs.co.uk) if you need to ask any questions about the uniform shop.**

**We will also have this available during the new intake event in early July.**

### **Free School Meals – Important Update for New Year 7s**

A change in government policy directly impacts our New Year 7 intake. Transitional protection of Free School Meals (FSM) for this cohort will be guaranteed until **31/08/2028**. **If you already receive Free School Meals for your child do not need to reapply, this change will be applied automatically.**

If you would like to know more about the benefits and how to apply for free school meals, please visit: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals>

### **Bio-Metrics Registration Information**

We are now running a new, biometric cashless payment system. Students will be bio registered enabling them to pay for their lunch by placing their finger on scanners at the tills. This makes for speedier transactions (so less queues!) and ensures that parents/carers can see what their children are buying and eating. Your child can get their fingerprint scan (in the dining room or at student admin) which is an image of your child's finger which is then turned into a digital signature. Please note: Those who do not have consent to use the biometric system, will be given a PIN number which your child will need to remember. Your child's digital signature will be linked to your ParentPay account. You will need to add money to ParentPay and keep the account credited. Students, parents and staff can rest assured that the fingerprint images cannot be used by any other source for identification purposes. The system uses an image of the finger to create a mathematical algorithm and then discards the finger image; only the numbers remain and these cannot be reinterpreted back into a finger image.

Your child's digital signature will be linked to your ParentPay account. Once your child starts with us in September you will need to add money to ParentPay and keep the account credited. We will be adding this to the ParentPay system and will send out further details in September.

You should have already received a link to complete this form but if you have not, or are having problems completing this, please contact Mrs Coates. (Details above).