



Notre Dame Catholic College

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Dear Parents or Carers

We are pleased to let you know that we now have a new school App that you can download for free from either the Apple or Google Play app stores.

You can download the app by searching for “**Notre Dame Catholic**” and download the app that displays our school logo.

Please make sure you complete the Register form the first time you download the app.

The app provides instant access to term dates, events, newsletters, booking forms, links to the school website, absence forms and many more features.

We will also be using the app to send out push notifications. These are messages that are sent directly to all those parents that have downloaded the app. As push notifications are free for us to send this may replace our text messaging service at some point.

IMPORTANT

If you own an i-Phone, when you download the app for the first time it will ask the following questions.

Offline Caching, Location and Enable Push Notifications

1. Offline Caching please select **Yes**.
2. Allow access to your location. This is a standard Apple request. We by no means know or have access to anyone's location but you need to select **Yes** in order to receive push notifications from the school.
3. The next message is to then enable push notifications. This is important that you select **NOTIFY ME**.
4. The last message will say “The school will like to send you Notifications” please press **OK**.

Please see below for details regarding Android users

Android Permissions

On some Android handsets the app requests permission to access the devices contacts and photos. This permission is required to access the contact and photo **FUNCTION** and not the actual contacts or stored photos on the device. Access to the

contact function is needed in order to share the app via text message, whatsapp or email, as the app then needs to access the contact function to allow it to be shared.

Access to the photos function is needed should you need to upload and return any documents that require a signature to the school.

Neither the school or Parentapps have access to anyone's personal information and it's purely a permission that's needed in order for the app to function properly on an Android device. These permissions are now becoming more common with a lot of Android apps and the Amazon app used by millions requests these same permissions and a lot more. If anyone has any questions then please feel free to contact the school or Parentapps on info@parentapps.co.uk .

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Rannard', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Rannard
Acting Headteacher