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Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of some changes to school from September that will allow us to run things more smoothly and maximise learning time within the school day.

Morning Drop Off

Following a safeguarding review of procedures, the Trust have advised us that from September, parents must drop off at the gate and children walk down the path on their own for safeguarding purposes. This will also help to foster independence within our children. A member of staff will be present on the gate in the morning to help with messages, transition and any other issues. Children who have 1:1 support will be met at the gate by an adult who will support transition into school.

Should you wish to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff, please email or call the school office and Mrs Howe will book you in.

We will continue to invite parents in wherever possible and host parental events within school regularly, such as assemblies, liturgies and performances. These will be communicated to you in a timely manner.

SEND Meetings

Each term, parents of children with SEND will be invited in to review education plans and SMART targets. This will allow us to work together to support children.

School Uniform

Please see attached the updated school uniform policy and requirements. This also outlines some health and safety areas such as jewellery and hairstyles.



Mobile Phones

Please ensure your child only brings their mobile phone when necessary. They will need to be checked in at the office each morning and signed back out at night.

PE Days

Children should come into school wearing their PE kit on PE days. This will minimise the time needed to get changed and increase learning time. Please be mindful, in the winter term, that children may need additional layers if wearing their PE kit.

PE days will be as follows:

Class 1: Monday and Thursday

Class 2: Wednesday and Thursday

Class 3: Tuesday and Friday

Class 4: Tuesday and Friday

Equipment

Please can children bring a water bottle to school. Children are not required to bring equipment such as stationery from home as we provide all of this in school. Children can bring in their own book bag/backpack and new book bags can be ordered through the school office should you wish.

Parent Communications

Please see attached the updated communication policy. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Homework

From September, homework will be limited to reading, spellings and addition/subtraction facts or times tables (dependent on the age and stage of your child). This is to maximise the amount of time you can spend reading with your child, which has been proven to have the greatest impact on overall progress. We will be moving to Read, Write, Inc. phonics from September and will provide parent training sessions in the Autumn Term on how to practise phonics at home with your child, as well as top tips for supporting their reading.

Thank you for your understanding with these changes, we value our parent community so much and know you will want to support us in improving systems across school.

Best wishes,

Miss Hudson