

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At St John's, we are proud of the positive culture we have built together — a culture rooted in respect, responsibility and a shared commitment to helping every child flourish.

Exceptional behaviour and attitudes are not “extras”; they are fundamental to our children's success, happiness and safety. When pupils show kindness, self-discipline and respect for others, they create a learning environment where everyone can thrive. These values also prepare children for life beyond St John's, helping them to grow into confident, considerate and resilient young people.

We expect all pupils to take responsibility for their behaviour, to follow school rules, and to treat others with courtesy at all times — in lessons, around the school, and in the wider community when representing our school. High standards of behaviour are a shared responsibility.

As the new Executive Headteacher, I have spent A LOT of time during my first half term talking to children and staff about behaviour and attitudes: in class, on the playground and in the dining hall (when children are eating their lunch). **This has led us to collectively agree to have a re-set!**

We are introducing simple new school rules and a new, simple behaviour management system.

I have really enjoyed leading assemblies today with all children to very clearly share the expectations – that start formally on **MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY** (the week we return after the half term break).

Very importantly, alongside behaviour and attitudes, wearing the correct school uniform is a vital part of school life. Our uniform is more than just clothing; it is a symbol of belonging, equality and pride. When children wear their uniform correctly, they demonstrate respect for themselves, their school and the community they are part of.

We therefore expect that all pupils arrive at school each day wearing the full, correct uniform. Please visit the uniform page of our website as a helpful reminder.

This also includes wearing appropriate footwear (plain black school shoes – NOT trainers), and a reminder that items such as jewellery also comply with our school

policy (no hooped or 'dangly' earrings – small retainers are allowed – but not on a day when the children go swimming as the staff at the pool will not allow a child to enter the water with any type of earring in).

When parents and carers support us with this, it massively helps to maintain consistency, reduces distractions and reinforces a strong sense of St John's identity and pride.

By working together — school staff and families — we can continue to uphold the high standards that make St John's such a positive, welcoming and successful place to be for every child.

Follow this link to see our school rules as well as a copy of our new St John's Behaviour Management System – which we expect to have a very positive impact for all – especially seeing as the whole school community is aware of these shared expectations: [St John's School Rules and Behaviour Management Strategies](#)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership and again for my very warm welcome.

Have a really lovely half term holiday and we will see you again on Monday 23rd February.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Davey

Executive Headteacher

