

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Welcome Back to a New School Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all as we begin a new school year together. I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a happy and restful summer and that the children are returning to school feeling refreshed, excited and ready for all that the year ahead will bring.

There is always something very special about the beginning of a new school year. It brings with it a renewed sense of possibility: new friendships to make, new things to discover, challenges to overcome and countless opportunities for our children to learn, grow and flourish. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back through our doors and to see the school once again filled with their energy, enthusiasm and smiles.

As a school, our greatest aspiration is that every child feels **happy, safe, valued and known**, and that they are encouraged and supported to become the very best version of themselves. Alongside high expectations for learning and achievement, we want our children to develop confidence, kindness, curiosity, resilience and a genuine love of learning. We hope that this year will be one in which every child can look back with pride on how much they have grown and all that they have accomplished.

We know that the strongest foundations for children's success are built when **home and school work closely together**. Your knowledge of your child, your encouragement and your support are enormously important to us, and we very much value the partnership we share with our parents and carers. We look forward to strengthening those relationships throughout the year and to sharing with you the many successes, celebrations and special moments that school life brings.

Please also remember that we are here for you. Raising and educating children is a shared journey, and there will inevitably be times when families need a little extra advice, reassurance or support. Our staff team is committed to listening, helping and working alongside you whenever we can. If you have a question, a worry or something you feel we should know, please do reach out to us. We would always much rather have a conversation and work together to find the best way forward.

Please also make sure that your child is 'school ready' every day – remembering to bring in the resources their teacher tells them they need, their book bags, reading books, PE kits on their PE day, swimming kits (when required) and packed lunch boxes. By being ready and prepared for each school day, it massively helps for a smooth running routine and it greatly supports the Admin Team because interruptions are kept to a minimum.

As we begin this new chapter, I am filled with hope and excitement for the year ahead. I look forward to seeing our children thrive, to celebrating their achievements both large and small and I look forward to continuing to build a school community in which every child and every family feels that they truly belong.

Thank you, as always, for the trust you place in us and for the important part you play in the life of our school. On behalf of our entire staff team and the governors, I wish every child and family a **happy, positive and successful year ahead.**

With my very warmest wishes,

Mr Davey

Executive Headteacher.

