

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year at St. John's. It is lovely to have our school community back together and I would also like to thank you for your support and cooperation this week. It does take time to get into the new way of doing things and new routines so please continue to be patient. The children have made a great start to the year and they look so smart in their new school uniform. They have been amazing and they are a real credit to you.

I have a few points of information and reminders which you will find helpful:

Drop off/ Pick ups

Please aim to be on the playground to drop off your child for 8.45am so that the teachers can collect their classes and make a prompt start to the children's lessons.

Home time has returned to the 3.15pm for Years 1 – 6. A separate letter for Early Years about drop off/ pick up times will go out today.

For safety reasons, and to avoid congestion around the doors/ gates/ entrances of the premises, we are continuing with the playground/ school gates organisation as we have done for the last two academic years. This allows parents the opportunity to space out more on the playgrounds and dismissal of children is much safer for our pupils.

Contact numbers/Emergency contacts/Address/Medical Needs

Please complete the attached form and return by **Monday 13th September**. It is extremely important that we have your current details and contact numbers.

School Uniform

I do appreciate how expensive uniforms can be so I would remind you to label all items of clothing including P.E. kits and water bottles.

Please remember, trainers are not school uniform – **black shoes only**.

School PE Kits

For years 1 – 6, I will continue to allow the children to come into school dressed in the school PE kit on their class PE day. However, this must be the school uniform PE kit of black shorts and white T Shirt. As we move into winter, if PE is outside, the children will be allowed to come into school on PE days in a track suit.

Below is a table indicating the PE days for each year group.

Year group	P.E Day
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday

Jewellery

I am asking all of our parents here at St John's to work with us on the following point. For Health and Safety reasons and school policy, the wearing of Jewellery is **not** allowed at St John's. **Earrings**, including studs, are **not** allowed. Some horrendous accidents and injuries can take place with ear rings which get caught as young children play and take part in activities and we would not want any of the children to experience that.

Hot Dinners/Packed Lunch

Can I remind you that your child will need to stay with their chosen option of hot dinners, or packed lunch until at least the **22nd October (half term)** when they will be able to swap if they wish.

Children in reception – year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. For children in years 3-6 the price of a school dinner is £1.80 per day, £9 per week payable in advance on Mondays. Please put dinner money in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked with your child, who will pass it to their teacher.

Book Bags

Book bags are priced at £3.50 and if your child requires a new book bag the money is to be sent in a sealed labelled envelope with your child, who will pass it to their teacher.

HAST forms – Your child's curriculum

Teachers will send out their HAST forms (Home and School Together) to let you know about the curriculum which your child will be covering this term.

Reading books for every child will now be given on a Monday which has to be returned by Friday. Please support your child by ensuring they read every night and complete their homework.

A reminder that holiday dates, any INSET days for staff this term are on the website. One extra day is to be added as an additional Bank Holiday was given to everyone to mark the Jubilee.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please wait for a further letter regarding extra-curricular clubs and when we are able to reintroduce these.

We look forward to another successful year at St. John's and I thank you once again for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

D Maudsley
Headteacher

