



Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Autumn 2021

We would like to warmly welcome back all staff, students and parents to the start of the Autumn Term, we hope you have all had a lovely summer break and have returned relaxed and refreshed. After a very difficult 18 months we hope that this new school year can continue without COVID restrictions and our school can return back to normality.

Start Times

We no longer have staggered arrival times. All gates open at 08.45am, children should be in school, ready for the start of the school day at 08.55am. Good punctuality is essential for children to reach their full potential and we would ask parents to ensure that your child arrives in school, on time, each morning.

Parents of children who are persistently late will be invited into school to discuss how this can be improved.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent, it is important that you inform the school on the first day of absence. Parents can leave a message on our absence line 0151 652 3366 option 1 before 9am. Please state your child's name, class and reason for absence.

September Meetings

We will be holding a number of meetings at the start of the new term. All parents will have received a letter inviting them to the meeting, can we please ask that you return your reply slip as soon as possible to confirm which meeting you will attend. Thank you

F2 Parents Reading Meeting - 23 September 2.15 or 6.15

Y1 Parents Transition Meeting - 28 September 2.45 or 6.15

Y6 Parents Secondary Transfer Meeting - 15 September 2.45 or 6.15

Performing Arts and Cooking

Further to enhance our provision for our children we have introduced drama / confidence building sessions with Mr Glen (Performing Arts) and cookery with Mrs Swanick. These sessions started this week and the children are enjoying the opportunities to develop new skills and talents.

New Children

Welcome to all of our new children in F1, F2 and the rest of the school, we are sure that they will all settle in quickly and become valued members of our school. Over the coming days parents will be issued with ParentPay login details (via letter home) and School Spider login details (via email). Please ensure that we have an up to date email address for you as all correspondence from school will be sent via email. In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns please either speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

COVID Absence

During the summer there has been changes to the COVID isolation rules. From 16 August, if you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months you will not be required to self-isolate if you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID 19.

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID

A new continuous cough

A high temperature

A loss of, or change in, your normal taste or smell

Then your child should remain at home and they should be booked in for a PCR test. Your child should only return to school if they receive a negative result or have completed their period of isolation after a positive result.

Parking

May I remind parents that no one should park or drop off children on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school. This is a dangerous and illegal place to park especially when children are around. Parents should not park on Air Sea Containers premises or across their entrance. Parents also should not drive into or park in the Annexe car park. Parking in these areas could be a hazard in an emergency.

Medication

Any medicines brought in to school must be clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage, with the pharmacy's original label on the medication. Parents must complete a consent form giving permission for the medicine to be administered by a member of staff.

Finally .. we are very much looking forward to a restriction-free term, as always if Government advise changes we will relay this to our parents as soon as possible.