

Parent update 1st September

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and spending time with your lovely children. We are really excited about seeing everyone back again. Before the term starts however, there are some important news items to share with you.

Y6 walking home from school – Year 6 pupils are still to be brought to school and collected by an adult aged 16 or above. Once the class has settled into the new routines and their new teacher, a “Walking home from school policy and permission form,” will be sent out for parents to complete.

Building work - The building work on the early years playground has been delayed, we are hoping it will be completed by Monday 13th September. Unfortunately, this is going to have an impact on the whole school as home times will need to be reorganised.

Dropping off – Nursery and Reception children will be taken by parents to their classroom doors. The drop off for the rest of the school will remain as it was in the summer. Doors will open from 8.45am to 8.55am. Arriving after this time will result in a late mark. Historically the school gates have always been open until 9am but this year we will be closing them at 8.55am so that everyone has a clear indication of what time they need to be in school.

Home time – For the first couple of weeks we will go back to the “old fashioned” St John Bosco pickup where children in Nurs, Rec, Y1 and Y2 will be collected ten minutes before those children in KS2. Older children will not be going to their younger siblings classrooms until hometimes go back to normal.

Nurs – 2.55 from the classroom door

Reception 2.55 from the classroom door

Year 1 – 2.55 from the cloakroom door

Year 2 – 2.55 from the office door

Year 3 – 3.05 from the fire exit door (near the back steps)

Year4 – 3.05 from the cloakroom door

Year 5 and Year 6 - 3.05 from the hall door.

Please collect your children on time (even if you have children in both key stages). Your cooperation with this is vital, hometime is going to be difficult for Y1 and Y2 in particular. We will change the hometime procedures as soon as the building work

on the playground is complete and appreciate your patience and support in the meantime.

What to bring / not to bring – as stated in the parent update in June

Lunch bags / Reading folders. Lunch bags may come to school, providing we don't go into any kind of lockdown again. Children will need a reading folder (or flat wallet) for their reading book and reading record. No other kind of schoolbag is allowed due to limited space in the classrooms.

Please don't send into school:

School bags- please send in flat reading folders only or plastic button wallets.

Pencil cases – all stationery will be provided by school

Water bottles – we provide these for all children. They are washed and refreshed daily.

Uniform – please make sure you buy children the correct shoes for school. **Boots or trainers are not acceptable (or any shoe with a sports logo)**. Children who aren't in the correct footwear will be asked to change into school pumps. Our uniform policy can be downloaded here.

PE days

Y6 – Monday

Y5 – Thursday

Y4 – Swimming on Friday from 17th September (a separate email will go out)

Y3 – Wednesday

Y2 – Tuesday

Y1 – Friday

Rec & Nurs Monday

Children may wear their PE kits that day, with their school jumper. See the uniform policy here. No jewellery should be worn on PE day.

Summer reading challenge - At the end of term, we sent information home about the Summer Reading Challenge. Please remind your children to write down a list of

books they have read and bring this to school. We look forward to giving out the certificates and badges.

IDL Club – won't start straight away. We will look at where the children are and then invite pupils for this term's club. If your child was in IDL club last term, it doesn't necessarily mean they will be this term.

Lunches - The school lunch provider "Manchester Fayre" has gone out of business, so we are delighted that we have been able to take on our lunchtime staff and school lunches will now be provided in house. This will give us consistency for our children (the staff know our children very well indeed), and the opportunity to improve the menus and what we are able to offer. We will now be going back to the wider school menu that we had before Covid.

However, we are going to try to maintain the calm atmosphere that we have had at lunchtime in school over the last 18 months. Children on packed lunches will continue to eat in the classrooms and those on School Dinners will eat in the hall.

Children on School Dinners will be asked to choose what they would like for lunch from the menu when they arrive in school in the morning. Parents of those in Nursery, Reception and (for the first few weeks) in Y1 will be sent a google form so they can make the choices for their child. The children will continue to play out together in their class groups.

Changing from packed lunches to school dinners and vice versa can only be done at the end of each half term.

Covid - There is an updated school covid risk assessment which can be downloaded here and an easier to read Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan.

What we continuing:

Electronic communication with families. Please make sure we have an up to date email and phone number for you.

- Inviting visitors into school by appointment only. Please phone or email us, don't drop in to the school office.
- To ask that you treat everyone with respect, courtesy and understanding. We have each had unique experiences throughout the pandemic and many people are still anxious.
- Thorough cleaning of school twice per day

We will no longer require:

- parents to wear masks on the site
- use a one way system.
- children to have individual sets of resources (school will provide resources for them to share).

Thank you for persevering to the end of this long newsletter!! All the staff are very much looking forward to see you all and your lovely children later this week.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson

Headteacher