

Parent Update Thursday 7th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are having a wonderful first week back! The children look so smart and everyone is behaving beautifully in their new classrooms and learning their new routines. Here is some information for you:

Home school agreement: This has been updated and can be read [here](#). No need to sign and return. We are very proud of the great relationships between school and our families.

Sacramental Programme - We are delighted to announce that we are about to launch the Sacramental Programme for 2023-4 in the parish. If you wish your child (in Year 3 or above) to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year you can do this by coming to **one** of the Welcome and Registration evenings. The meetings will take place on:

Monday 25th September 7.30 p.m. and
Tuesday 26th September 7.30 p.m.

at the Parish Hall 197 Charlestown Road, M9 7BD next to St John Bosco R.C. Church.

The meeting will last about an hour and will give you a chance to meet the catechist teams. This meeting is for parents/carers and we ask that you find childcare for the hour if at all possible. All the dates of the preparation meetings and the First Sacraments will be issued on the evening.

If you have any queries regarding the programme please contact Amanda at the parish office on **0161 740 2071** or email mcarmeljbosco@hotmail.com

Annual Parental Levy in Roman Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Salford is due again for this school year. Payment can be made via School Gateway, or by sending cash in a clearly marked envelope. Some families may want to give more than £20 and your generosity in these cases will be immensely appreciated. The school governors wrote to all parents about this on 31.3.23. [A copy of their letter can be seen here.](#)

Payments to school - Please note all payments for dinner money, breakfast club and afterschool club must be paid in advance via School Gateway, many thanks to all our parents who are already using this regularly.

Classroom Drop-In for Y2, Y3 and Y5 will take place this afternoon. All other children to be collected from their usual exits.

Reading and homework – Children from Y1 to 6 will be given reading books this week, please read with your children every day if possible. Reading books and reading records must be brought to school every day, whether the children have read or not (adults in school will listen to children in school). Homework will begin next week.

Afterschool Activity Clubs – will begin again next week. These are clubs to enable children to socialise and enjoy the activities. **Please don't use them as free afterschool childcare.** I.e. please don't send your child to a club without asking them whether it is something they want to participate in. It ruins the atmosphere for everyone if there are children in an afterschool group who don't want to participate. It also affects the goodwill of the staff who voluntarily give up their own time to run these clubs.

Please sign up via the google forms below. Due to having more children than places, each child is allowed to apply for 2 clubs only. We will pull names from a hat to allocate places and then let you know by the end of tomorrow whether or not your child has been accepted into a club.

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Thank you for all your co-operation which really helps the school run smoothly. We are looking forward to working with you to support our children throughout the year. As always, please contact the school office via phone or email (contact@st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk) for further support.

With love and prayers,
Mrs Johnson