



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new school year! I do hope you have had a restful break and enjoyed some precious time together as a family. I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you all to ensure your children have the very best learning experience here at St Patrick's. It is such a great pleasure to be able to join the school as Headteacher and ensure it continues to be a very special place where we live, love and learn together illuminated by the light of Christ.



May I extend a warm welcome to our new children and families – please do not hesitate to call into the office if you have any questions or queries! I am sure, like me, your children will be very happy.

School Uniform

Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart in their uniforms. Can I please take this opportunity to remind about footwear – the



children must wear **plain black school shoes or plain black smart trainers that have black laces and no flashy logos on them.**



The brightly coloured trainers and football trainers are better kept for using at home or for PE when they are outside please.

New arrangements for the end of the school day

I am sure you will agree the new arrangements for the end of the day are enabling a very safe passing over of the children back into your care. As part of our reflections on effective safeguarding in school we have decided that KS2 children will also come into the playground with their teacher. The class teacher must see the *responsible adult* who is collecting the pupil. It is important that if a different adult is collecting your child or they are visiting a friend's house for tea, school is made aware through a quick phone call or a short note signed by the parent/carer in order to ensure the very best possible safeguarding procedures are in place. I know you will agree the safety of your children is of paramount importance.

Attendance

Attendance in school is, as you know, vital to ensuring your child makes the very best progress every day, as missing just one day means they are likely to find the learning harder on their return. Please could I ask that if your child needs to stay at home as they are poorly, you make sure you ring the school office on the first day of absence to inform us that your child is not attending. If we do not receive a call, school will have to ring or visit the home to confirm where your child is and that they are safe. These are the most up to date safeguarding expectations for school which I know you will be pleased to hear we are following.





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Class Information Sessions



We are inviting all our parents/carers for Years 1 to 6, to a class information evening on Thursday 26th September at 6pm. The session will begin in the main hall, a great opportunity for me to introduce myself and briefly outline current National Educational

Priorities which will impact on our school priorities for this academic year. The session will then continue in your child's classroom – two slots to support parents who have more than one child in school. It will enable you to touch base with the new class teacher and find out about the learning for the year, weekly timetables, routines and homework arrangements. This partnership working is I believe, essential to ensuring your child has the very best start to their learning this year. Please make every effort to arrange some childcare and join us – there will be coffee and biscuits of course!

May Bank Holiday 2020

As I am sure you are aware the government changed the May bank holiday next year from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020. I wanted to give you as much notice as possible that school will now be open on Monday 4th May as normal and closed for the bank holiday on Friday 8th May 2020.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 5th September at 9:30am in school – KS2 Mass in school to celebrate the new school year. Parents / carers are very welcome to join us.

Tuesday 10th September at 7pm at The Black Bull, Birstall – PFA Annual General meeting. You are all most welcome.

Friday 20th September at 9 – 10am in school – PFA are holding a coffee morning. A great opportunity to meet new parents and raise some funds for our school.

Thursday 26th September at 6pm in school – Parent Information Sessions (Y1 to 6).

Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil at 4:30pm – St Mary's Batley

Saturday Vigil at 6pm – St Patrick's Birstall

Sunday at 9am – St Patrick's Birstall

Sunday at 10:30am – St Mary's Batley



Kind Regards

Mrs C Moulding (Headteacher)



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