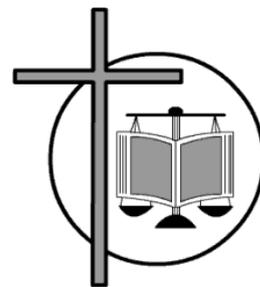


**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC INFANT AND
NURSERY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 11th SEPTEMBER 2020**



Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome Back!

And a big welcome back to our Year 1 children! What superstars you have all been – everyone has settled into their new classes so well; your teachers are so happy and proud of you all! Our Reception children will begin their transition next week and our Nursery children the week after. Our Early Years teachers have been really enjoying their doorstep visits to get to know everyone!

Communication

Please download our **Parent App** at the App store: search for **School Jotter** and enter our postcode (L4 3RX) to access all of our newsletters and alerts. In some instances, we will also use texts to let you know of any changes/events that have either occurred 'last minute' or as a reminder of events that we have previously given notice.

Staggered Start/Finish Times

We are continuing to stagger our times in order to ensure social distancing on the playground, but are reviewing this on a weekly basis. We are hoping to make some changes soon to enable our Y2 children to resume their normal hours, but will, of course, give plenty of notice as to when this will happen, and will be taking into account the families with children in both the Infants and Juniors. Thank you for your co-operation.

Y2 – 8.30-8.45 and 2.30-2.45

Y1 – 8.45-9.00 and 2.45-3.00

From end of transition Friday 25th September:

Reception – 9.00-9.15 and 3.00-3.15

From end of transition Monday:

Nursery – 8.30-4.00 Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday

Staying Safe/Playground Rules

Please continue to socially distance when on the playground and on the roads surrounding school. This week there has been a marked increase in the number of cases of Covid-19 in Liverpool, and we have been informed there is now 'widespread community transmission'. It is essential that we all play our part in keeping each other safe and allowing schools to stay open. The advice from Public Health Liverpool is as follows:

To protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

- ***Stay at least 2m away from anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble***

- ***Wash your hands with soap and water often, and as soon as you get home***

- **Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water not available**
- **Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose where social distancing is not possible outdoors and indoors. By law, you must now wear them in most indoor settings including public transport, shops, post-offices, banks, beauty salons, visitor attractions and entertainment venues, libraries, community centres, places of worship and public areas in hotels**
- **Avoid businesses that are not COVID-19 secure**

Please continue to follow the coloured arrows which lead you to your classroom doors and to the allocated gates for exiting the playground.

When queueing at classroom doors, please stay behind the white lines and maintain a 2m distance apart from each other. Whilst we are able to do this, we do not need to wear face masks on the playground. If social distancing is not observed, we will make it compulsory to wear face masks when entering our grounds.

To reduce the traffic on the playground, we are asking that only one family member per child comes onto the playground to drop off and collect. Please also leave the playground as soon as your child has been dropped off and do not congregate at any place on the playground or outside the school gates.

Traffic

The traffic around school continues to be very congested. Please walk to school wherever possible to alleviate these problems.

Contact Details

Please return your contact detail forms asap.

Flu Vaccine

Please return your flu vaccine forms asap. I am aware that a number of parents have had concerns regarding the safety of the vaccine. I have spoken with the Immunisation Team who have **assured** me that children will not develop Covid like symptoms as a result of having the vaccine, and that information that pops up on social media can be very misleading. If you have any concerns, please visit the official NHS website: www.nhs.uk Please also see the Fluenz Flier on the Parent App.

National Fitness Day

On Wednesday 23rd September we will be celebrating National Fitness Day. The children can come to school in their PE kits (leggings or jogging bottoms (preferably black), a white t-shirt and a sweatshirt (preferably black or dark coloured) and trainers or pumps). The children will enjoy activities such as circuit training, yoga, dance and healthy snacks!

Jeans 4 Genes

We will be supporting Jeans for Genes day next Friday 18th September. The children can don their denim for the day! As we are not currently handling money, if you would like to donate to this charity please follow the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stfrancisdesalesinfants>

Payments to School

Please see the attached letter for details of our cashless payment system.

Lunches

The new lunchtime rota has been working well. I have included it below again for you to familiarise yourself with. I have noticed that a large proportion of children are bringing a packed lunch to school – if you can, encourage your child to have a school dinner, as all Infant children are entitled to a free school meal. With the new rota, children will be provided with the option of a hot dinner only when they are eating in the dining hall. A deli option is given when they are eating in their classrooms.

Classes	Weeks 1 and 2 (07.09.20 and 14.09.20)	Weeks 3 and 4 (21.09.20 and 28.09.20)
Y2: Mr Williams and Mrs Duffey	Eat in classroom	Eat in lunch hall
Y2: Mrs Major and Mr Turner	Eat in lunch hall	Eat in classroom

Y1: Mrs Wynne Hughes and Mrs Michaels/Miss Diamond	Eat in classroom	Eat in lunch hall
Mrs Roberts and Miss Rock	Eat in dining room	Eat in classroom
Reception:		
Miss Diack and Mrs McEeneeny	Eat in classroom	Eat in lunch hall
Miss Greenhalgh and Mrs Williams	Eat in lunch hall	Eat in classroom
Nursery:		
All children will eat their lunch in the Nursery base. They will be able to choose either a hot dinner, a deli option or bring in a packed lunch.		

This rota will then be repeated on a rolling two weekly basis. Menus will be posted on the parent app and the website.

Parents/Visitors on site (reminder)

Until further notice, no parents or visitors will be allowed on site unless by prior arrangement. There is a risk assessment in place for Nursery/Reception parents who will be allowed to come into the classrooms during the transition period to settle their child if needed. This includes strict guidelines which must be adhered to: wearing a face mask, using antibacterial hand gel and remaining 2m away from all other adults. For all other parents, please do not attempt to come into the classroom at drop off/pick up times unless a prior appointment has been officially organised with the class teacher.

Lates (reminder)

No children will be admitted to school through the main reception. If you bring your child to school after the gates have been closed, you will have to come to the main reception gate to inform us that you are there. We will then direct you to the gate that you would normally enter and this will be opened for you. You will exit through the gate you would also normally exit through. Eg if your child is in Y1, you would register your presence at the main reception gate and then go the large Hale Rd gate to be admitted. You would exit via the large Peter Rd gate.

As you can appreciate, every time a child is late, a member of staff will have to be deployed to open and close gates. This takes time and stops that member of staff from getting on with their own duties. **Please bring your child to school at the correct time.**

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Melia
Headteacher