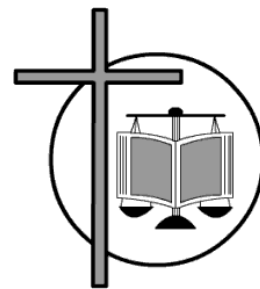


**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC INFANT AND
NURSERY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 4th SEPTEMBER 2020**



Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome Back!

It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome back our Year 2 children this week and we are so looking forward to welcoming back our Year 1 children on Monday and our Reception and Nursery children over the following weeks.

Our Y2 children have been amazing this week and have settled into their classes so well, following all the new routines and trying hard with all of their activities. We are so proud of our wonderful children!

Staggered Start/Finish Times

As you know, we are staggering the start and end of the school day for each year group in order to reduce the amount of traffic on the playground and therefore minimise the risk of transmission. Thank you for following the times given which are:

Y2 – 8.30-8.45 and 2.30-2.45

From Monday 7th September:

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

School Patrol Crossing

I have been in touch with the council regarding the School Crossing and the need to change the times of the service in order to cover our new staggered start and finish times. Until this is sorted, please take extra care on Hale Rd and Carisbrook Rd.

Reminders to stay safe

- Please 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.
- Please stick to only one family member dropping off and collecting wherever possible.
- Please leave the playground as soon as your child has been dropped off and do not congregate.

PE

There will be no PE for the first two weeks whilst we settle the children into their routines. After this time, your class teacher will inform you of your child's PE times. On the day of their PE lesson, please bring your child into school in their PE kit. This will be: leggings or jogging bottoms (preferably black), a white t-shirt

and a sweatshirt (preferably black or dark coloured) and trainers or pumps (weather permitting). Your child will remain in their PE kit for the entire day.

Lunches

For this week only, all Y2 children are able to go into the lunch hall and have the option of a hot dinner.

From next week, Monday 7th September, lunchtimes for all year groups will be staggered and will run on a 2-week rolling rota:

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 McEneeny	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

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

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.**

Final Reminders

Children should only bring to school a water bottle, their book bag and a packed lunch if they choose to have one. They do not need to bring in their own hand sanitizer.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Melia
Headteacher

