



Newsletter

Friday 11th September

<https://www.stpatselland.org.uk>



It has been a pleasure to welcome back **all** of our pupils and families this week in school!

It has been lovely to see everyone so happy to return and to settle very quickly into the school routine and new school year. Things are very different right now but we are so proud of how well the children have adapted!

Thank you to you, our families, for your continued support during this time and for your understanding as and when things have had to or may still need to change in order to ensure maximum safety and wellbeing for all of our pupils and families at all times. Thank you also for your many messages of support at this time—they are much appreciated.

We are also very grateful to our dedicated staff team who have ensured that our plans have run smoothly, prepared the school, its grounds and classrooms and have supported all the children to have a positive start to the new school year.

We will continue to communicate directly with you via the ParentMail email service as well as text messaging and a weekly newsletter. We continue to ask that parents do not enter school without prior arrangement.

As mentioned in previous communications we are expecting building work to begin shortly around school to construct a new fence for safeguarding purposes. We are awaiting a start date—as with many things, this has been delayed but we will ensure we keep in contact regarding this and any impact on our families.

We wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

God Bless,
Lianne Lomas & Alex Hudson

Drop off and collection

Staggered arrival and departure times are in place for children in reception—Y6. **Please do not arrive early or late in order to avoid crowding outside of school.**

Class	Arrival	Departure
Bolton	8:50	15:25
Whitby	8:35	15:10
Kirkstall	8:40	15:15
Rievaulx	8:45	15:20

Family Support

At this time you may find that you are struggling, your family life is challenging or you may feel at a loss with what to do next.

The Family Support Team are there to help you and can be contacted weekdays between 9am and 5pm on 01484 386621.

You can also find further help and support here: <http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk>

Useful Contacts:

Childline: 0800 1111

Samaritans: 116 123

Domestic Violence Hotline: 0808 2000 247

Age UK: 0800 169 6565

Mind—Mental Health & Wellbeing: 0300 123 3393

Safeguarding It is important that you share any concerns or worries about children's wellbeing with us. Please contact us with any concerns:

01422 373104

Mrs Lomas (Designated Safeguarding Lead—DSL) :
head@st-patricks.calderdale.sch.uk

Miss Hudson (Deputy DSL):
headofschool@st-patricks.calderdale.sch.uk

School Meals

Information regarding school meals from 21st September was sent via email yesterday.

Please order your meals online—using the link in the email or visit the school website and under the 'parents' tab choose 'order school meal'.

Meals are £10 per week on a termly basis unless your child is entitled to a Free School Meals (FSM).

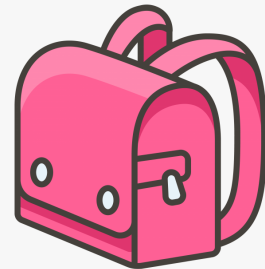
If you think you may be eligible to free school meals, please contact Mrs Robinson in the office.

'Universal Free School Meals' mean that all children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 receive a meal for free, however, you must still select choices online.

Bags

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Coats



At this time, children should not be bringing backpacks between home and school, please.

Only coats and a packed lunch should be brought to and from home each day and pencil cases must remain in school.

All children must bring a coat each day.

Thank you for your support.

PE and Reading Books Update

We will be communicating with you regarding reading books and PE next week.

PE kit may be brought to school from Monday 21st September—this must remain in school for the rest of the term. Teachers will arrange it to be sent home if washing is required.



This term we say “hello” to all of our new starters in our reception and nursery classes as well as in other year groups across our school.



We offer you a very warm welcome to the St Patrick’s community and we look forward to getting to know you!

We also welcome Mrs Latouche who is a new teacher in class Rievaulx. Mrs Latouche will be in school Wednesday—Friday.

Nursery

We have places available within our nursery. If you, a family member or friend would like to discuss a place within our nursery provision, please call Mrs Robinson on 01422 373104.

Pupil

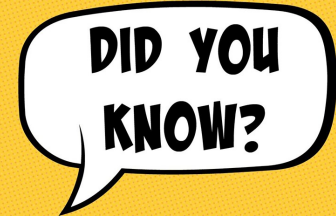
Premium

Pupil Premium is

additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

It is allocated to children from low-income families, Looked after Children, children adopted from care and Service Forces children. It also includes pupils who have been eligible for FSM at any point in the last six years (known as the Ever 6 FSM measure).

If you think your child may be eligible to receive this additional funding and support but are not sure whether the school are aware of this please contact Mrs Robinson in the office.



Coronavirus absence

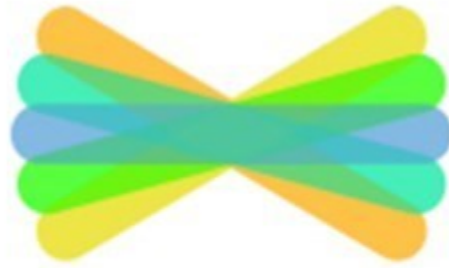
We continue to refer to government and Public Health England advice with our policies and procedures.

Please refer to the posters which were sent out via email regarding procedures should your child or a member of your household present with Covid-19 symptoms.

If in doubt call 119

If a child presents with symptoms in school they must be collected immediately and a test must be arranged.

Thank you



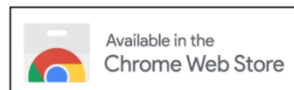
Seesaw

We will continue to use the Seesaw platform this academic year. This platform allows parents a further insight into daily life at St. Patrick's.

You will shortly receive your invitation to join your child's learning journal, for existing students this should update within your app.

New parents will receive instructions on how to join shortly.

If you have any queries, please speak with your child's class teacher.



Term Dates

Term dates for the academic year can be found on the school website. Please note that we do not authorise holidays during term time.



Autumn 1 2020

School closes for Half Term
Thursday 22nd October 2020

Staff Training Day
Closed to children Friday 23rd October 2020

School Opens for Children
Monday 2nd November 2020