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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back and I hope you had a fantastic holiday and time together. This is so important to children and families to have quality time together in these formative years. Can I on behalf of the whole Federation extend a special heartfelt welcome to our new staff but especially to our new children and families. All the children look so SMART in their uniforms, well done. We can all feel so proud of them.

This is a very short if you like "bullet" point style of letter with a longer more traditional letter next week. These letters and lots of other information can be found on our websites:

www.stsebastiansliverpool.co.uk

www.stcuthbertsliverpool.co.uk

1: This Monday 7th September Cardinal Heenan Year 6 Open Evening takes place from 6.30-8.30pm. Also St Cuthbert's Year 6 children start an "intensive" 10 school day swimming course. We are piloting this style of teaching swimming across the Federation, so all Year 6 pupils have letters and ALL must attend EVERY DAY. Girls must wear a one piece swimming costume and trunks for the boys, no boxer short styles are allowed. For long hair a swimming cap is needed.

2: ALL PE kits are to be in school on Monday (even if it is not school kit). PE and RE are the ONLY two curriculum areas that have a mandatory number of hours needed to be delivered. PE kit is brought in on a Monday and left in school for the week. Shorts, top, trainers/pumps.

3: Already we have had children absent from school with no phone call to explain why. This is WRONG and a safeguarding issue. As you know we ring to find out why the child is absent, it is courtesy to ring to tell us why.

4: Already SEVERAL children have arrived late for school. PARENTS are asked to sign the children in when they are late. ALL children should be on the yard by 8.50am ready to come in at 8.55am. All children should come into school via the yard.

ATTENDANCE: EXTREMELY IMPORTANT We expect 100%. When we have children who only have around 60% last term, it is so sad. I CAN ALREADY say that I have been given "FREE FILM TICKETS" for October November time for those children with great attendance which will be in the region of 95 to 100%. What does this mean? There are 37 school days until half term, if your child has more than 1 and a half days off for whatever reason their attendance will be under 95%. The children have been asked and do feel this is a fair system to reward those who come into school. Hopefully some of the days the children are off ill aren't as has been found in the past, days they are on holiday. Again what a shame.

5: Please note: If wearing earrings, only STUDS are allowed AND these must have tape over them. NO nail varnish or any form of make- up is allowed. NO exceptional haircuts or styles, also long hair needs to be tied back for health and safety reasons.

6: Dinner monies for Key Stage 2 children to be paid on a Monday please unless you make payments through our on line payment system for St Sebastian's or by standing order. More information regarding the on line payment system for St Sebastian's is available on the website or please call Nicola Von Bargaen at St Sebastian's on 260 9697.

7: An extra- curricular Timetable will be sent home at the end of next week. For any clubs or activities the children will be asked individually by the teacher running that activity so if you child doesn't know about the activity it is not on for them so you do not have to phone school to check. Please wait for the Timetables to come home.

8: School start times are as follows.

Foundation 1 am session is 8.30am to 11.30. Pm session is 12.30 to 3.30pm .

Key stage 1 ie Foundation 2 Yr1 and Yr2 8.55am to 3.05pm

Key stage 2 ie Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 and Yr6 8.55am to 3.15pm.

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