



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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**NEWSLETTER:** Friday 3 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Summer holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school, well-rested and ready for more learning and fun. We have a busy term ahead, full of exciting activities - trips, focus days, assemblies and more...

## COVID-19 UPDATE



Firstly, an important update regarding Covid19. The latest operational guidance for schools can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

The guidance has changed and schools are no longer required to keep children and staff in bubbles. Social distancing measures have ended, and wearing of face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors. Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people are advised to follow the same guidance as everyone else.

### Currently, the control measures are:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

We are continuing to comply with health and safety laws and adhere strictly to the control measures in place, as per our risk assessment, monitoring and reviewing these regularly.

### The following procedures remain in place:

- All children are required to attend school
- Staff/visitors may wear face coverings, if they wish
- All visitors will receive safety protocol information
- One-way system is in place for arrival/departure
- Staff will take part in the NHS testing programme

We appreciate all that our parents/carers and visitors are doing in adhering to the safety measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe.

## ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

The school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.30pm Mondays-Thursdays, and 12.30pm on Fridays. We are continuing to operate a one-way system for drop off and collection. Please **enter via the main gate (8.40-8.50am)** and **exit via the side gate (3.30-3.40pm)**. A member of staff will be there to greet you and your child.

Before and after the above times, the gates will be locked for security reasons. Any late arrivals must report to the school office. Drop off and collection to/from Breakfast Club and Afterschool Sports Clubs will be via the side gate.

## LUNCH, FRUIT & MILK

We are resuming normal lunchtime arrangements, serving healthy, hot meals in the school dinner hall.

- **Rec/Y1/2 children** are entitled to Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) and will therefore receive their lunch at school, free of charge.
- **Y3/4/5/6 children** can choose between a packed lunch from home or a school dinner (paid), unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). Please reply to a text message, to let us know if your child will have a packed lunch or school meal.
- **Only under 5s and FSM children** receive free milk. If you wish to purchase milk for your child (£36 per year), please contact the school office.
- **Fruit is provided** free of charge, to all Nur/Rec/KS1 children.

Please let us know if your child's dietary requirements have changed; make us aware of any food allergies.

## BEFORE- & AFTER- SCHOOL CLUBS

**Breakfast Club** will start on Monday 13 September, run 8.00-8.45am, daily and cost just £5 per week. If you wish to secure a place, please contact school as soon as possible.

**Sports Clubs** will start on Monday 20 September, run 3.30-4.30pm and 4.30-5.30pm, Mondays to Thursdays. Further information will follow.

## BUILDING WORK

During the Summer break, extensive building work was carried out to significantly improve the EYFS space for our youngest Rec/Nur children. Further work is soon going to be underway to create an Inclusion/SEND base and three offices for staff.

## TEACHING STAFF 2021 - 2022

- EYFS: Mrs Hough, Mr Prior, Mrs Broughton, Mrs Moreton, Miss Daniels, Miss Sultan
- Year 1: Mrs Bean, Miss Lloyd, Mrs Ali
- Year 2: Mrs Shaw, Mrs Broughton, Mrs C Phillips
- Year 3: Miss Holder, Mrs Ingham, Mrs P Phillips
- Year 4: Mrs Cole, Miss Craven, Mrs Bray
- Year 5: Miss Holtby, Miss Hammill (mat leave)
- Year 6: Miss Appleyard, Mrs Shafiq

## FRIDAYS 12.30pm FINISH

Just a little reminder that from September until December 2021, school will close at 12.30pm, every Friday. The school will continue to meet its statutory requirements regarding the number of hours it provides education for its pupils. This is different to how some other schools organise their school week, however, this is the way that St Francis of Assisi would like to move forward.

Before the end of the Autumn Terms 2021, governors will seek feedback from parents/carers and will then decide whether to implement the changes on a permanent basis from January 2022. Any parents/cares wishing to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

## UNIFORM, PE KIT & PUMPS

All children from Rec-Y6 are expected to wear a school uniform, except on their PE day, when they should arrive wearing their indoor/outdoor PE kit.

EYFS and KS1 children are not required to wear pumps indoors, as this reduces time spent in the cloakrooms. KS2 children are expected to change into their indoor pumps.

## PE DAYS

Your child will have PE on the following day. Please ensure they arrive to school wearing their PE kit.

- Mondays: Y4 (swim) & Y2
- Tuesdays: Y6 & Y1
- Wednesdays: Reception
- Thursdays: Y5 & Y3

## RECEPTION/NURSERY

To ensure a smooth start to the school year, we are operating a phased entry for our EYFS children. All Rec/Nur parents should have received a letter regarding their child's start date – which will be Mon 13<sup>th</sup>, Wed 15<sup>th</sup> or Fri 17<sup>th</sup> September. Any parents unsure of their start date, please contact the school office, as soon as possible.

## INCLUSION TEAM

We are very excited to introduce our new Inclusion Team:

- Mrs P Waddington – Family Welfare Officer
- Mrs K Smith – SEND Support Officer

They are both highly skilled and very experienced, and can support you, your family and your child with all kinds of items. If there is anything you wish to ask or discuss, please do not hesitate to speak to them (personally in the morning or at home time) or make an appointment via the school office.

We are looking to open a Uniform Swap Shop, Tin Food Bank, Parent Surgery and run other initiatives to support our children and their families.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS



It is vital that we have correct contact details for your child, in case there is an emergency. We should have at least 2 contacts on our system, to be sure we can reach you.

Please contact the school office to ensure your details are up to date. If your details change at any point during the year, please ensure you let us know.

## MEDICAL/DIETARY INFORMATION

If your child has a medical condition, special dietary needs, requires an epi-pen, inhaler or any type of medication, please contact us, as soon as possible to ensure your child's records are up to date on our system. Thank you

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Enjoy your weekend!

We look forward to seeing you and your children on Monday!

V. Snejberkova-Taylor