

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first three weeks have flown and it is lovely to see the children settled and enjoying coming to school. The Year Six went off to Pinkery this morning very excited and looking forward to a week of activities and adventures. The weather forecast is looking very promising for the week!

Forms to be Completed

We are sending out various forms today that need signing and returning. Please do so as soon as possible. This will mean we do not have to send out duplicate copies thus saving on paper, printing costs and office staff time.

Contact Details

A contact detail forms is included for all parents and carers to complete as soon as possible. It is a safeguarding requirement that all schools have at least three points of contact for each pupil. Can I also ask for parents and carers to inform the school straight away if there are any changes in their address or contact numbers.

Swimming

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we have, as a school, decided to start asking for voluntary contributions for swimming from this year. We are asking for contributions of £10 per pupil per term. As I have previously stated, we spent £17,000 on the upkeep of the pool last year and wish to keep it running and in excellent condition.

Amenities

The school has always traditionally asked parents and carers for an amenity contribution. The Amenities Fund allows the school to give children extra opportunities and experiences such as visiting artists, performers and sport companies. We feel it is crucial that the children continue to have these WOW moments. We recently had a team of performers demonstrating circus skills to the children. The reaction of the children throughout the school was amazing! It was so inspiring and enjoyed by all. We ask for a £30 amenities donation per year to allow such activities to continue.

Weather Station

A big thank you to Mr Semple for applying for and being awarded a Weather Station for the school. It has been set up and will be used during lessons to measure temperature, wind speed, humidity, rainfall and much more.

Plants

Thank you to Mr Oaten for acquiring some plants for the school from MG Webber Nursery in Honiton and kindly planting them for us. We have wonderful school premises and they will brighten up the school environment even more.

Starting School Applications

PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION BELOW ABOUT APPLYING FOR PLACES FOR BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IS 15/01/2019.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR SECONDARY PLACES IS 31/10/18.

For the first time this year the Local Authority **will not be** sending out letters to children due to start school or children due to transfer school giving them information about how to apply for a school place.

Parents can apply on line at <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/> or phone Somerset Direct for a paper copy of the application 0300 123 2224.

Parent information is now available on the School Admissions Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/>

The closing date for First Admissions (includes infant to junior and first to middle) is 15/01/2019.