

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brilliant seeing all the children again! They are settled, working hard and happy! We have really missed the whole community! Our new reception children are settling in well to life at St George's Catholic School. Our Year Six children are going to be wonderful role models and will be support to the rest of the school.

I am sure there will be many updates and changes throughout the school year. We will endeavour to communicate with you as often as possible.

Car Park

I feel the early weeks will be spent writing lots of messages about our car park.

I am delighted with how quickly the children are coming into school. Mr Davies and I closed the gates at 9:12 this morning. Can I please remind parents and carers of KS1 children only not to arrive until 9am. We have staggered times and must make sure that KS2 children and their KS1 siblings are in first of all.

It is vital that KS2 parents and carers do not arrive too early at the end of the school day as KS1 parents and carers need to have easy access to our school playground to park safely. If any KS2 parents arrive early, we ask that you park away from the premises until the required time of 3:15. It also causes problems for KS1 children having to drive around the KS2 cars and this upsets the residents of Nunsfield Court.

We are constantly tweaking things to improve the flow of traffic and pedestrians. From today, the KS2 pedestrians will line up outside the side gate by the main entrance to the school. If a family of pedestrians has both KS1 and KS2, they must remain in the car park playground along the fence. This worked really well today.

We had some parents taking responsibility for other children this morning. That is absolutely fine. We cannot have any children left unattended until we open the gates at 8:50. I appreciate parents have to go to work but with the changes that all schools have had to make we have to be strict with our times.

I was delighted to see some parents had created their signs to help us at the end of the school day. Here is an example of one.



I insist that all vehicles on the school premises must drive at 5mph and be extremely careful and vigilant.

Calendar of Events

We do not have a calendar of events for the foreseeable future as we cannot organise events such as Harvest, the Christmas Fayre, the KS1 Nativity and much more. We will think of unique ways of overcoming this.

Start of Term Mass

We will be having a start of term Mass on Thursday 10th September at 9:50am. Year Six will go to St George's Church. There will be no Parishioners or parents at the church. The rest of the school will be able to watch the live stream in class on the promethean boards. Parents will be able to access the Mass by logging on to the Church Website.

INSET DAYS

We have school INSET days planned for the following dates this year:

Friday 23rd October

Monday 4th January

Tuesday 5th January

Monday 22nd February

Monday 7th June

Assemblies

It feels really strange not to have school assemblies at the moment. We do have plans to have assemblies through Zoom but want to ensure the children are settled into the school day before we introduce them.

School Dinners

We are pleased that our catering provider has been able to provide us with sandwich lunches for the children and these will continue at least until half term. Please remember to log onto the website to order lunches before the required deadline. We will inform you when hot meals will resume.

Please keep checking the newsletter section of the website for updates.

Best wishes,

Mark Braund