

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

4th September 2020

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of our children back to school this week ~ we have missed you all! As we all familiarise ourselves with the new routines and procedures, it is inevitable that there will be a few teething problems, so please bear with us as we iron these out.



As always, a new year brings new beginnings, not least for our new children, especially our new Reception intake ~ you are all warmly welcomed into the Our Lady's Family. Thank you to our new parents for your patience and understanding as we have been unable to facilitate our usual induction processes for your children.

We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Holmes and Miss Tait. We are delighted they have joined the Our Lady's Team.

Reminder of New Routines:

If you have children in more than one year group, you will be able to drop them off at the same time – please bring them at the start time of the first child. For example, if you have a child in Year 2 and Year 3, please come at 8:45 with both children. Class teachers will be in class from 8:40 for SODA (Start of the Day Activities), as they have done previously.

Equally, you will be able to pick up your children at the same time. Please arrive at the later finish time. For example, if you have a child in Year 2 and Year 3, please arrive at 3:30 to collect both children.

Coming soon ...



We will be launching an Our Lady's Twitter account in the next few days. Please look out for the link in Parent Mail.

Hand Sanitiser

Children are allowed to bring their own hand sanitiser to school - please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and year group. Please remind your child that they can't share it with other children!

DINNER MONEY

Dinners cost £2.15 per day. These need to be paid for in advance, either weekly or for the half term.

Please put the money in a sealed envelope **with your child's name and class clearly marked on it** ~ £10.75 per week or £68.80 for the half term.

Thank you.

**BREAKFAST CLUB OPENS AT 8:00
AT A COST OF £1:50 A VISIT.**

**ALL PLACES MUST BE
PRE-BOOKED**

**Booking Forms for the weeks of 14th and
21st September have been sent out today.**

**BREAKFAST MUST BE PAID FOR EITHER
IN ADVANCE OR ON THE DAY.**

**PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS IN A SEALED
ENVELOPE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH
YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

PE

PE will commence during the week of 14th September. Due to additional health and safety protocols for COVID-19, children will not be able to get changed for PE at school. This means that on their PE days, they will need to come to school in their PE kit rather than their school uniform. You will be notified of which days your child needs to do this, as well as what kit to wear, by 14th September.

Reading Books

Reading Books will be issued to children in Years 1 to 6 during the week beginning 14th September. Children do not need to bring book bags to school at the present time.



Full Opening of School: Prevention Controls

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have somebody in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.
3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
4. Continuing with enhanced cleaning, including frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
5. Minimise contact between individuals and **maintain social distancing wherever possible**.
6. Where necessary, wear appropriate PPE.

This means that children will be in 'Year Group Bubbles' and will be kept apart from other groups wherever possible. Therefore, each Year Group will have its own start and finish times, as well as separate break and lunchtimes. To assist us in the smooth implementation of these measures, please ensure you know the start and finish times for your child's bubble.

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start	9:05	8:55	8:45	9:15	9:05	8:55	8:45
Break	Flexible	10:15	10:30	10:30	10:15	10:30	10:15
Lunch	12:00	12:00	12:15	12:30	12:30	12:45	12:45
Break	Flexible	2:15	2:30				
Finish	3:00	3:10	3:20	3:30	3:20	3:10	3:00

We are still limiting the number of people on the school site, so **parents will not be allowed onto the premises**. You must form a socially distanced line outside the main gate, respecting the signage on the fence. Please do not gather in groups outside the gates before or after school.

Working together, we will be able to successfully implement these changes and ensure all children can return to school safely.

Thank you for your continued understanding and co-operation.