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We follow in Christ's footsteps

Thursday 8th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Self-isolation

When I said in my last letter that it was proving to be a busy end to term, that now seems a bit of an understatement! Thank you for bearing with us as we continue to deal with the on-going effects of Covid-19 and the current rules around self-isolation. I know the disruption caused by this can have a huge impact on our pupils, on family life and work commitments. Thank you for doing all you can to lessen the spread of the virus. As I am sure you will have also heard, symptoms are now more diverse including: headache, sickness, general aches, sore throat, runny nose. Please be cautious. If your child seems at all 'under the weather', do not bring him/her into school. If symptoms are apparent, please book a PCR test and keep us informed.

Meet the New Teacher Sessions

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the virtual 'Meet the New Teacher' sessions last night. I hope you found them informative. If you were not able to attend, you will be able to access the Powerpoint presentations via our school website.

Uniform

We are in the process of currently updating our school prospectus, but staff did share information around school uniform. As I am sure many of you are already getting organised and ordering items now, I have listed what your child needs overleaf. This term, we have been more relaxed about uniform requirements, as we just wanted to get our children back and settled. From September, we ask that uniform requirements are followed.

School reading books

We would be most grateful if you could return any reading/library books your child may have to school before the end of term.

It's coming home!



It will be a non-uniform day tomorrow. Pupils will be allowed to wear some red and white items if they wish! This is not compulsory 😊. No football strips please and certainly no need to go out and buy anything new!

Staff gifts

A number of parents have contacted school asking if they are allowed to send staff gifts into school - bearing in mind current restrictions. Thank you for thinking of staff. I understand people want to show their gratitude and I will leave this up to individual preference. Please do not feel under any pressure or that there is any expectation to do so.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone the school office or email. Thank you, as ever, for your on-going support.

Kind regards

Mrs Burgess

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our pupils are frequently complimented on their standards of appearance and parents are asked to co-operate in ensuring that those standards are maintained. The wearing of, what we believe is, a very attractive uniform is of the greatest importance. The school also stresses that excessively short/shaved hair, as well as any form of patterned cut/patterned beaded hairstyle or hair colouring is not acceptable. Short hair should be uniform in length (top and sides) and no shorter than a grade 3 as a guide. Hair should always be tied back once it approaches shoulder length. Pupils should use only discrete, plain bobbles and hairbands with school uniform colours. Large bows and hair decorations are not allowed.

Please follow these expectations to avoid any unnecessary conversations. At St Patrick's, our main goal is to concentrate on supporting children's learning and our families in any way possible rather than any other distractions.

For reasons of safety and security, the wearing of jewellery is not allowed.

School uniform comprises:

School tie
White shirt (not polo shirt)
Grey/Black school trousers/skirt/pinafore
Bottle green V-neck pullover or cardigan
Plain white/grey socks - not trainer socks
Black shoes - not trainer style

If any pupil wishes to wear an optional 'summer uniform' (*beginning of summer term to end of first half of autumn term*) the following choices are available:

green gingham dress or grey shorts

If any pupil wishes to wear shorts as part of the 'summer uniform', it should be the grey shorts with the shirt and tie option (*pupils should not wear variations of gingham outfits ('jump suits'/gingham shorts with white polo shirt etc.)*)

P.E. uniform is compulsory

Games/P.E. Kit comprises:

Green shorts
Yellow t-shirt
Plain black tracksuit bottoms/jogging bottoms (jersey style fabric- no logos permitted)
Training shoes

Pupils are permitted to come to school dressed in P.E. uniform on class P.E. days.

School jumpers, cardigans, book bags and P.E. tops bearing the school logo can be ordered online from My Clothing (see parents' section on the school website).

School ties can be purchased from school.

All items of clothing should be marked with the name of the pupil. Sew in/iron on labels are much more effective.

For pupils forgetting ties, a supply of spare ties is available for a one-day loan.

We expect that pupils bring the following recommended bags for easy storage and to stay in keeping with our school policy regarding uniform and equality.



KS2 rucksack £8.99



Rec, Y1 and Y2 bag £5.99

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