

St Ann's R.C.Primary School
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8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Can I take this opportunity to welcome you and your family back to St Ann's. I have a few reminders for the new school year.

Healthy snacks

All children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One receive a piece of fruit or vegetable for snack at playtime as part of the Government's scheme to promote healthy eating.

In Key Stage Two we allow the children to bring in a healthy snack for the mid-morning break. As a 'healthy eating' school we ask that your child brings in a small snack of fresh fruit, raw vegetables, nuts or seeds. Crisps and chocolate bars are not permitted. I trust parents will co-operate with the school in this matter.

Parentpay

Can I remind parents that Parentpay is the online system for the payment of any money to school. Any parents new to the school will be receiving a separate letter with their Parentpay account activation details. Could all other parents ensure that their account is activated. It is our aim to operate a cashless system throughout the school. If any parents have any problems please contact the school office.

Live Kitchen

Dolce are our new school meal provider. Please ensure you have activated your Live Kitchen account and pre ordered your child's meals before 9.30am. The Live Kitchen system allows you to pre order your child's meals for a whole term. If a meal has not been ordered by 9.30am on the day you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch.

School Uniform

GIRLS

Grey trousers or grey pinafore

Grey skirt

Pale blue polo shirt

School sweatshirt

IN SUMMER

Blue gingham dress (if preferred)

BOYS

Grey trousers

Pale blue polo shirt

School sweatshirt

IN SUMMER

Short trousers (if preferred)

Please ensure that all uniform and book bags are **clearly labelled** with your child's name and class. Children should wear sensible shoes which fasten easily and do not have slippery soles so that they can run safely in the playground.

PTO

No jewellery is to be worn for Health and Safety reasons, except a watch if your child can tell the time. This includes earrings, although studs are acceptable. Long hair must be tied back.

Morning procedures

Can I remind Parents that in the event of bad weather in the mornings, the school bell will ring twice between 8.50am and 9.00am. Upon hearing the bell, Nursery children will go to the nursery entrance. Reception and all other Infant children will be greeted at the door of the Infant hall. Likewise all Junior children will be let in to the Junior hall. At this point parents are asked to leave their child under the supervision of our staff. Once the bell has been rung early the children will not be able to gain access into the school via their usual doorway and all children must only enter the school through the Infant or Junior hall.

Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Ratchford who married over the summer. Miss Ratchford is now to be known by her married name, Mrs Eccles.

Sacramental programme

If your child is in Year 3 or above they are eligible to join St Ann's Parish First Holy Communion Course 2017/18. Parents/Guardians need to attend 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 17th September 2017** where requirements of the course will be explained and enrolment forms will be handed out.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr J O'Brien
Headteacher