

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

Every Person is Precious to God



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you have all had a lovely time with your families.

Precautionary Measures for Covid-19

As I am sure you are aware, infection rates for Covid-19 are still significant. As a result, we are taking the following measures to slow down transmission in school.

- Regular cleaning throughout the day of high traffic areas such as the lunch hall, toilets, door handles etc.
- Promote good hygiene through regular handwashing/ sanitising and 'catch it, bin it, kill it' strategies.
- Staff will continue to wear face masks in corridors and communal areas.
- Air purifier devices have been fitted in all classrooms to keep the air the children breathe clean.
- Lateral flow testing for staff.
- Assemblies in key stages with spacing rather than whole school assemblies.
- Children come to school in their PE kits on PE days.

Our Covid-19 Risk Assessment is available to view on the school website.

Please could we remind you that if your child has a cough or temperature then please keep your child off school and arrange a PCR test.

Drop off and Pick Up Arrangements

You may now drop your child off at school from 8:45-8:55 at their usual entrance door, where a school adult will greet them and direct them to class. On Monday, there will be additional adults outside on the playgrounds to direct you to the correct door.

School ends at 3pm. Reception and Nursery can be collected from their usual door. Year 1 and 2 children should be collected from their classroom doors. All of Key Stage 2 will come out and line up on the school playground, where parents can collect their child from the class teacher.

There will no longer be a one way system in place for any drop off or collection areas.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child returns to school in the correct school uniform. A copy of our uniform requirements is attached with this letter. All children should have a pair of plain black indoor shoes or pumps to change into. Children can still wear hoodies in classrooms and can come to school in their PE kits on PE days provided they wear plain black leggings, shorts or trousers and a school PE top in house colours or a white t-shirt.

Breakfast and After School Club

These clubs are now open to all children. If you would like your child to attend breakfast club or after school club then please contact the school office. Those people who submitted applications before the summer holidays should have received confirmation of their place already.

Breakfast Club will start on Monday 6th September at 8am. After School Club will be open on Monday. Children should be collected no later than 4:30pm.

All of the adults in school cannot wait to see the children on Monday and are excited to share their Curriculum Wow Days with their new classes.

Kind regards

Anna Gautrey - Headteacher

