

St. Gregory's RC Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the new school year. We are delighted to have all year groups back in school and appreciate everything you are doing to help our community stay safe. It has been wonderful to be surrounded by smiling children full of laughter, stories and positive attitudes. As the new Headteacher here at St. Gregory's, I have been made to feel very much a part of St Gregory's team by the children, staff and parents. It also has given me an insight into how our new starters must have been feeling this week!

It really is good to back in school and I am certainly looking forward to working with you in the year ahead.

All good wishes,

Mrs Dunne

Due to Covid-19, we are all adapting to new routines in school; entries and exits as well as lunchtimes and playtimes. We have made a few changes and tweaks to routines which you will find detailed below.

Morning routine: Starting Monday, the bell will sound at 8:55pm as usual for the start of the school day. From 8:45 the school doors will be open to give the children a 10 minute window to arrive at school in an orderly fashion. This is to reduce the number of people in one place. Therefore, we ask that you leave your child at the school gates in our care—there will be a member of staff on the yard. Please note **the children do not need to be here at 8:45** and try to avoid arriving earlier than this. If you use the KS2 gate and your child in is KS1, you can walk across the yard but please maintain social distancing and leave the school premises as soon as possible after you have dropped your child off.

End of day: When you come to school to pick up your child at the end of the day we politely ask that you adhere to social distancing advice and once your child has been handed over to you, please leave the premises as soon as possible.

We would also like to remind parents and children that the play equipment is not to be used before or after school.

Bags: We ask that the children only bring a water bottle to school with them.

Mobile Phones: Pupils who are walking to or from school on their own are allowed to bring a mobile phone in a plastic bag, this will be handed to their teacher on arrival and collected at the end of the day.

We will continue to take advice from our Local Education Authority as well as the government and continually review the measures we have in place to ensure the safety of all. We will keep parents informed on a regular basis of any updates/changes etc via text message and the school website.

Uniform: A big thank you as I think you would agree that the children look very smart in their school uniforms. Please can we ask that you label all items of clothing.

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on the day they have PE. We have enjoyed sunny days this week but as the weather begins to cool the children can wear plain navy tracksuit bottoms with their school sweatshirt.

Extra Curricular Clubs: We are hopeful that we will be able to resume our extra curricular clubs as soon as possible. There may need to be some changes to the way these clubs are organised eg. limiting clubs to specific year groups and numbers, but we will let you know as soon as possible when they will be starting.

Change of Details/Circumstances: Please ensure we have the correct contact details. If any addresses, mobile numbers etc; have changed, please can you inform the school office as soon as possible. Furthermore, if your working circumstances have changed and you are wondering if your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office for more information.