



Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope this letter finds you all well. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school at the beginning of this Summer Term. The lighter evenings and sunshine are certainly what we have all needed. We continue to look forward to brighter days ahead. The children, as always, have been an absolute delight. It has been wonderful to see them engaging in their learning with their peers and maintain and build upon existing friendships. The main purpose of this letter is to provide a few gentle reminders for the remainder of the Summer Term. The usual curriculum newsletter will be on the website at the beginning of the next week. This will give you an update of all the fantastic work that has taken place over the course of this week



Parental consultations:

Parent consultations will take place in the form of telephone calls during the first half of the Summer Term. There will be more details to follow outlining when this will take place.

Dropping off and collecting children:

Firstly, thank you for your co-operation relating to the staggered times for dropping off and collecting your children. This system continues to work well. We are still recommending that face masks are to be worn during these times in order to keep everyone safe. Remember to adhere to social distancing guidelines when bringing your children to and collecting from school. When collecting children from the Nursery entrance, please avoid queuing or coming onto or into the staff car park at the front of school. Our main priority is to ensure everyone's safety when you are collecting children from school. Please ensure you arrive on time – not too early as this helps to avoid queuing. Thank you so much for your support in doing so already. Also, a general reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school premises during drop off and collection times.



Parking:

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With regards to parking, please remember do not park in the **curial office**. The car park can become quite full and poses a health and safety concern. This is also a private car park and should not be used as a dropping off point or a pedestrian walkway. Pedestrian access is **not allowed** through the car park area. Parents and children wanting to access the Key Stage 2 playground via the Church can only do so by coming through the Holy Name of Mary gateway and walking along the pathway next to the Church into the playground. The health and safety of all concerned is paramount at all times. In an effort to reduce congestion around the school entrances, as you are aware, the school has been given permission for parents to park their cars in the Middlesbrough Theatre Car Park on The Avenue. If needed, we encourage parents to use this facility and walk the short distance to school.

School uniform:

The children look so smart in their uniform. Thank you for your support with this. It ensures that standards remain high and pupils, as always, reflect these standards. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school. Just a reminder that the wearing of jewellery by pupils is not permitted due to health and safety reasons. Full school uniform is outlined below:



<p>Foundation Stage – Nursery and Reception: A navy-blue sweatshirt or cardigan and a pale blue polo shirt.</p>	<p>In Reception class, children should wear grey shorts or trousers, or skirts and pinafores.</p>
<p>Key Stage 1 and 2 (boys and girls) Blue shirt, school tie, navy V-neck jumper or cardigan, grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or pinafore.</p>	<p>During the summer term blue check gingham dresses. Blue polo shirts may be worn.</p>
<p>Footwear - Black Shoes, NOT trainers. Grey or navy socks/tights</p>	
<p>P.E. Uniform (boys and girls). Because of the very nature of PE and dance all children should have a change for these lessons.</p>	
<p>Indoor PE</p>	<p>Outdoor PE</p>

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<p>White T-shirt, navy shorts and black plimsolls.</p>	<p>White T-shirt, navy blue jogging/tracksuit bottoms Navy blue sweatshirt/jumper (no logo needed), Black Trainers</p>
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Covid-19 update:

It is crucial that we continue to follow government guidance. Do not send your child to school if they have covid-19 symptoms.

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please contact the school office and inform school if your child is absent from school due to any Covid related circumstances eg) displaying any symptoms, awaiting a test result or self-isolating due to external exposure. Once you have received confirmation of the test result, please ensure you inform school with the relevant information.



Once again, it was lovely to see all the pupils returning on Monday and you all as parents. We often say this but genuinely can we just say a big thank you for all of your support the last two terms. Together let us make sure that we make this final term of the academic year a successful one for all pupils and all families.

Best wishes,
Senior Leadership Team



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