

St. Patrick's RC School

Newsletter

01 September 2021



Welcome Back

Welcome to the new school year! We are really looking forward to having the children back in school tomorrow.

Staffing

We are delighted to report that Mrs Suzanne Hodgson has been appointed as School Administrator of St Patrick's School.

Covid Risk Assessment

The updated Covid RA will be posted on the school's website and is attached for your information.

Face Coverings

Please note, face coverings are no longer compulsory, however, we will be asking visitors to the school building to wear masks and we will be wearing a face covering when dealing with people we do not usually meet.

LFD and PCR Tests

Please note, primary-aged children should not be tested using a LFD test. If your child is symptomatic, or has been advised to get a test (being a close contact of a positive case), you should arrange for them to have a PCR test.

Bubbles

Throughout September, the relaxation of contact between classes will be a gradual process. Where there is a positive case of Covid, class bubbles will no longer close, however close contacts will be required to take a PCR test (if prompted by NHS Test and Trace). Multiple cases may require a different approach, depending a NHS advice.

PE Kits

Infant pupils should bring their PE kits into school each Monday morning and these will be sent home each Friday, to be laundered. **PE will be taught from the first full week back.**

Junior pupils should come to school dressed in their PE kits, on the days they have PE lessons, **from the first full week back to school.**

Class 1 – Thursday and Friday

Class 2 - Monday and Friday

Details around swimming lessons (which start next week) will be shared before the end of the week, with the pupils concerned.

Drop Offs and Pick Ups

There are very few changes to the arrangements that were in place before the end of the summer term. But these include:

New Reception children may be brought onto the school playground, at the beginning of the day.

At the end of the day, Class 2 pupils will be handed over first and Class 1 pupils after this. **Parents of pupils in Class 2 are asked to be near the front of the waiting area, to facilitate this system.** If you have other children with you, or to collect from Class 1, please ensure the children in your care stay close to you and do not wander around the playground.

If you need to remain on the playground to collect other children, please move away from the collection area.

Breakfast Club – from 8am

Just a reminder that, from the first full week back in September, our Breakfast Club will be running from 8am. The cost will be £3 for one child, £5 for two children and £7.50 for three children and £10 for four children (from the same household). A light breakfast will be provided and a Sports' Coach will be running activities.

School Lunches

Monies for school lunches (juniors) should be sent into school in a marked envelope. (All infant school lunches are free of charge.)