



1st September

WELCOME BACK!

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

We hope that you have enjoyed a restful break over the summer and are looking forward to starting back to school tomorrow. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children into school for the first time on their transition visits tomorrow afternoon too.

Back to school routines

As mentioned in a newsletter before the end of term, we are hoping that children can return to many of the routines which we had in place prior to the pandemic. With that in mind, please can I remind parents that the drop off in the morning can be through either gate and we will still ask that you leave the children at the gate if you are able as it makes the transition into school much more effective – and it is a routine that they are now well used to.

Below we have listed the entrances into school for your children so that you can make them aware:

- Van Gogh will come across the playground to be met by an adult near the maze area (you will be met at the gate for the first transition days so we can show you where this is)
- Monet will come across the field and enter through the door at the bottom of the corridor next to their classroom
- Kandinsky will walk around the path on the right of the field, across the staff car park to enter through their side door
- Picasso will come across the field and enter through the door at the bottom of the corridor next to their classroom

We will have additional adults outside for the next few mornings to support the children with where to go if they are unsure!

At the end of the school day (3:15pm for all children) please wait in the final third of the playground and your children will be dismissed to you. If your child is in Kandinsky or Picasso, they will be dismissed without an adult so please do reiterate that they must **never** leave the school site if they can't see you. There will always be an adult on the playground for them to wait with if you are a little late arriving. We do also ask that parents enter our school site to collect their children rather than waiting in the car as we won't allow them to leave the gates to come to you as this poses a risk to them.

COVID update

As I am certain you are aware, much of the Government guidance regarding test and trace and isolation has been updated. With this newsletter is a really useful flow chart for parents which sets out very clearly what actions to take if you suspect your child may have COVID or if they or someone in your household tests positive, when isolation is needed and what the rest of the household needs to do. We hope that you will find this useful.

We have written a contingency plan which clearly sets out what we will do if we begin to see cases in school, either amongst children or adults and this may include reintroducing some of our previous measures such as bubbles. We will keep you informed if this is necessary but we are hopeful that this will not be the case.

Uniform and PE days

As you are aware, we will be back in full school uniform from this term but we have decided that children should **come to school in their PE kits**, for days when they have a PE lesson. This means that PE kits (sweatshirt, Tshirt, joggers and trainers) should be worn on the following days:

Van Gogh – Thursdays (starting 16th September)

Monet – Mondays and Wednesdays (starting 6th September)

Kandinsky – Tuesdays (starting 7th September)

Picasso – Thursdays (starting 9th September)

It would be helpful if indoor PE kits (shorts and white t-shirt) could be left in school at all times for Monet children too as they have an indoor unit of PE so will need shorts but we are aware that it may be too cold to wear these all day on PE days.

Car park

As all parents will now be collecting at 3:15pm, the car park will be very busy at this time. Please do take care when moving around the carpark and park as close as you safely can to other cars so that we can use as much space as possible. Many thanks for your support this with.

Further reminders

- All children will require a water bottle on the first day of school. These will remain in school and we will wash and fill them in school.
- We are starting a new menu from Monday 6th (details to follow) but meals for the next 2 days will be:

Thursday – Tomato pasta or macaroni cheese followed by chocolate cracknel

Friday – Fish fingers or Quorn nuggets with chips and beans followed by an ice lolly.



A celebration!

As a staff we surprised the wonderful Mrs Jackson with a celebration of her 20 years of service at the school. I would like to publicly thank her for her contribution and for the hard work and dedication that she shows both towards her colleagues and the children.

As I am certain many families would agree, she is a huge asset to our school and we are looking forward to her next 20 years!!

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow!