

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2020

Please be advised that all school documentation is available in different formats, on request.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR - UNIFORM

We hope everyone had a lovely summer. After a strange end to last year, a new one begins but not in the usual way. Although all children are required to attend, we are working in a different way as required by Government guidelines. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe which you can check in the Reopening Plan for September and the Risk Assessment, which are on the website. The children all look so grown up and very smart in their new uniforms. Thank you. Please remember that black shoes are part of the school uniform. Trainers or other coloured shoes should not be worn and this is clearly stated in the prospectus. Furthermore, for health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back (both boys and girls).

NAME LABELS

Please ensure that all items of your child's clothing and shoes are labelled with their names to avoid confusion and items being taken home by the wrong child. Thank you.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast Club will resume on Monday 7 September but will be strictly for those that have pre booked on the online form. We will be able to offer After School Club from Monday 14 September and parents/carers will have to book and pay (online if possible) the week before.

CATCH UP CURRICULUM

Please be assured that teachers will do all they can to ensure that pupils are given the best opportunities to catch up on key concepts, knowledge and skills not covered during the summer term as well as introduce the current autumn curriculum for each year group. There will also be lots of pastoral care and mental health and wellbeing support for your children.

EVENTS CALENDAR

At present, we are not arranging events for parents and carers to come into school collectively because of the current situation with COVID-19. As soon as the guidelines change and we are allowed to hold events that you can attend, we will compile a calendar of events then publish it on the website and send out on Dojo. **Please check the school website and Dojo on a regular basis and read the information carefully so you do not miss out on important information.**

FLU IMMUNISATION

You will soon receive a letter from NHS Mersey Care along with a leaflet about protecting your child against flu. There will be a consent form which we ask you to sign and return to school by 18 September. The nurses will be in school on 9 December to issue the vaccine which is a simple nasal spray. COVID-19 precautions will be taken.

MILITARY SCHOOL

We are very happy that we are still financially able to continue with the Military School for another year. They will be starting Friday 11 September. We will notify the children which group will be starting first. On the day children attend Military School, they can wear their PE kit for school that day.

PE

Please be reminded that PE is a **compulsory** subject in school as it is part of the National Curriculum. Children cannot say they are not doing PE without medical endorsement. **Children should come to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE and stay in the kit for the day. There is no need to send in school uniform on this day. Navy blue jogging bottoms can be worn.** Thank you for your support.

PE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUN BY LIVERPOOL SCHOOLS SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

PE clubs will start week beginning 21 September from 3.00 pm - 3.50 pm. The clubs will be run on a rota basis each half term and will be on a class by class basis to prevent bubbles mixing. A Dojo will be sent out next week for parents and carers to sign their child up to the clubs. The PE coaches have been given copies of the school risk assessment and staff guidelines so will follow procedures carefully.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUN BY TEACHERS

Unfortunately, after school clubs run by teachers are suspended. We will notify you when we are in a position to start them up again.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Please make sure your child attends school every day unless they are ill. We have been asked to follow the usual guidelines for attendance once again so if necessary, we will inform the Education Welfare Officer about any child who does not attend school without a valid reason. This may lead to prosecution of the situation does not improve. We therefore ask that you do not keep your child off school unless it is absolutely necessary. It is also important that children arrive at school on time so they do not miss out on lessons.

NON UNIFORM DAYS

We will continue to have non uniform day on the last day of each half term. The first one will be Friday 23 October. We ask for a 50p contribution to school fund on these days.

HOLIDAYS

Holidays will not be authorised during term time apart from extenuating circumstances. Any unauthorised absences will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer and penalty notices will be issued by Liverpool Education Authority. Children will miss out on important learning and this could result in affecting their academic performance and attainment. We have been asked by the LEA to prosecute any parent/carer who takes their child out of school unauthorised during term time.

PARKING

Please continue to keep OUR children safe. Please park in safe areas or walk to school if you do not live too far away. Thank you.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM (Archdiocese)

This is offered by Jackie Brougham who can be contacted on
Tel: 0789 179 5145 or by Email: jackiebrougham@btinternet.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School closes for half term on Friday 23 October 2020 at 3.00 pm

School reopens on Monday 2 November 2020 at 8.45 am