



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

### **NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

We hope that everyone had a lovely summer. Another school year begins; let's hope it's a good one.

Welcome to all the new pupils who have joined us. We look forward to them becoming part of our wonderful school community.

### **UNIFORM**

The children look so neat and smart on their return to school. Thank you. Please conform to the rules regarding school uniform for the remainder of the year. PE is a compulsory subject of the curriculum. School PE kits or navy shorts and a white T-shirt are required for PE lessons. No football kits please! Track suits are encouraged to be worn on the day of PE Lessons to save time.

We have arranged for Fazakerley Federation to collect unwanted school uniforms for our school so please pay them a visit if you need uniform or you have any uniform to donate.

### **WORK AT HOME**

We want the children to be successful in their achievements, so we hope that you will continue to support them with any work that they bring home and ensure that they read for at least ten minutes each evening. Once they have read, please remember to sign their reading record book.

### **RE TOPIC:**

The children will be studying the Domestic Church/Family topic; as always, it would be beneficial for our children to attend weekly mass and witness the workings of the Church and its features during this topic. Lessons will focus on life as a gift, our uniqueness as a loved creation and the love that can be expressed in families.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

This will resume immediately; a notice has been sent out regarding the system for booking a place at the out of hours provision and methods of payment. Please ensure that you keep up to date with payments so that we can continue to provide this service.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Both the Department of Education nationally and Liverpool City Council locally are placing a huge emphasis on attendance and punctuality. The DfE has asked schools to remind parents that it is **“a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school”** and **“schools and local authorities (have the ability) to issue sanctions including fixed penalty notices.”**

Schools in Liverpool are being reminded that regular absenteeism and lateness is a safeguarding issue and can be evidence of neglect. We are being encouraged to engage with other agencies (such as Social Workers, Health or even the Police) to help tackle regular absenteeism and lateness in school.

We **MUST** achieve the 97% attendance target set by the Government. Our families did



extremely well in the years prior to Covid to improve attendance as a school, so please continue to support us in this matter and give our children the best chance to make progress.

If you have been affected by the issues with Air Traffic Control whilst on holiday, please provide written proof in order to avoid a fine.

### **CONTACT DETAILS, CONSENT FORMS AND MEDICAL FORMS**

We cannot stress enough how important it is that school is able to contact families in an emergency, that we have your consent for photographs and have up to date information regarding children's medical conditions. Forms will be sent soon and I urge you to complete and return to school as soon as possible, with three different contacts that we can call in case of emergency.

We would also ask that if any of your contact details change throughout the year, you make the school aware of this.

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

If your child has transitioned from Year 2 to Year 3 and you believe that you are entitled to free school meals, the onus is on parents/carers to make an application to the council for free school meals. The school cannot make this application on your behalf and you must pay for meals or provide a packed lunch while the application is processed.

If you believe that your child is eligible for free school meals please make an application to the local authority (even if your child is in KS1) as the school receives extra funding for all pupils entitled to free meals.

Payments for school lunches must be received each Monday for meals to be eaten that week. An external company provides the meals and school cannot afford to pay costs on behalf of families. **Debts will not be allowed to be accrued for longer than one week. Please do not cause the school embarrassment by having to say that we cannot provide a meal due to outstanding debts.** Parents who owe outstanding money from the last academic year should contact the office to make arrangements for payment.

### **DOJO**

If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up for this App. It's an efficient and eco-friendly way of school communicating with families.

### **WEBSITE**

We ask that you check the website on a regular basis for updated information. If you have any ideas for information you would like to see that is not at present available, please do not hesitate to contact us. All reasonable requests will be considered. We try to update it as quickly as we can and all newsletters that are sent out are posted on the website.

### **SEND**

Our ASD Coffee Morning in the summer term was a great success and we will be arranging more events and Parent Training Sessions throughout the school year. We will also be holding drop-in sessions for parents of SEND children on the second Monday of each month (the first session will be from 8.45am on Monday 11 September; Mrs Perry will forward details of sessions in due course).

### **MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM (Archdiocese)**

This is offered by Jackie Brougham who can be contacted on



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