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

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to our children and families to a new school year, we hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are now rested and ready for the school year ahead.

A big welcome to all our new families and pupils who have joined us at the start of the new academic year, we look forward to you becoming part of our wonderful school community.

UNIFORM

It is lovely to see our children arrive at school looking very smart in their school uniform. Please conform to the rules regarding school uniform for the remainder of the year.
Reminder: children's names should be added to all jumpers/cardigans, coats, bags and water bottles from Nursery to Year 6, to help reduce missing/lost items.

PE is a compulsory subject of the curriculum. School PE tracksuits or navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt are required for PE lessons. Football kits and branded clothing are not part of the uniform!
Track suits/school PE kits to be worn on the day of PE Lessons.

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 school work, 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 each night.

RE TOPIC:

This term we will be continuing the new Religious Curriculum to children from Nursery to Year 6. Our first Branch topic for this half term is Creation and Covenant.

Sacramental Preparation:

Children in year 4 who are wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this academic year – registration forms will be sent out in the next few weeks. Anyone in Year 4 that wishes to receive these Sacraments and has not been baptised in the Catholic Church, will need to speak to Fr Mark

following one of the weekend masses. Baptisms should be completed by December to ensure that the child can continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

ATTENDANCE

Both the Department for 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 educational 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.

1. **Fines for Absence (£80)**: Absence fines will rise from £60 to £80 (£160 if unpaid within 21 days). Only two fines can be issued within three years per child.
2. **New National Fine Threshold**: From September, schools must consider a fine if a pupil has 10 unauthorised half-day absences in 10 weeks. Councils may issue fines sooner for repeat offenders or frequent holidays.

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 hour's provision and methods of payment using the school Arbor App. Please ensure that you keep up to date with payments so that we can continue to provide this service.

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 them 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.

DOJO

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

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.

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 Reception or KS1) as the school receives extra funding for all pupils entitled to free meals.

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 presently 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.