



# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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*In love with Christ: Be the best I can, Be kind to one another.*

16.7.21

Dear parents & carers,

### **Thank you for your support**

Due to the unprecedented circumstances that have consumed each one of us this academic year, I believe that it is honest to share that it has been particularly challenging for children, staff and parents alike. I am so proud of how, as a united school community, we have collectively adapted to change and adhered to ever-changing guidelines whilst maintaining an unwavering focus on those who matter – our children. I pray that September will be the start of experiencing our new ‘normal’ whereby bubbles will become a restriction of the past and our children and staff can reunite as a school family once more; learning, playing, socialising, celebrating and laughing together once more. It is what they deserve and need.

### **Thank you Julie**

Julie Taylor, just her name brings a smile to so many. She is such a beautiful individual who is able to sprinkle that little bit of 'Julie magic' upon those she teaches and works with. From the moment the federation was mentioned (all those years ago) Julie Taylor was spoken about and it was not until I met her that I truly appreciated why. I can honestly say, hand on heart, that she is one of the most exceptional practitioners I have ever had the honour of working with. Each and every time I see her with our children, I have been so thankful that they have been loved, cared for and nurtured by her. To say that our school family will miss her is an understatement but I know that the time is right for her (and her family) and as the St Cuthbert's chapter closes, a bright and exciting one is soon to begin. Our St Cuthbert's family wish Julie love, health and happiness - God bless.

### **Thank you Mr Radburn**

This time last year, Pete Radburn left his position as Head of Art and DT in a high profile secondary school and whilst he contemplated on what his retirement plan was to be, we managed to persuade him to share his expertise with our staff and children. Over the year, we have benefitted greatly from his enthusiasm, dedication and amazing sense of humour. He has certainly raised the profile of his subjects. Pete is moving to pastures new, with exciting opportunities afoot. We thank him for giving our children opportunities that would not have otherwise been available to them and of course, we wish him luck.

### **Wishing our Year 6's good luck**

I am honoured to have been able to share my first year of headship with such an inspirational Year 6 class. I really must thank them for working alongside me in leading our school through the most demanding and tough school year that any of us have ever known. I wish them love and luck in their venture to secondary school. How blessed their schools are to be able to welcome such talented, caring, resilient young people. I have had the absolute honour of witnessing them positively bloom during their primary school years; each of them gifted with the ‘Spirit of St Cuthbert’s’ in the truest sense. I trust that they will shine brightly in their secondary schools and we are excited to see what the world has in store for them. From us all at St Cuthbert’s thank you, good luck and God bless.

**PLEASE NOTE REMINDERS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR AHEAD:**

### **TERM DATES 2021-2022**



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**Every child has the right to attend school every day. Frequent and unnecessary absence has a detrimental effect on children's academic education and social and emotional development.**

### **Autumn Term 2021**

Starts: Wednesday 1st September (Staff Training Day)

**Y1-Y6 children to return to school: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Ends: Wednesday 22nd December

Half term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th October

Christmas break: Thursday 23rd December to Tuesday 4th January

### **Spring Term 2022**

Starts: Wednesday 5th January

Ends: Friday 8th April

Half term: Monday 21st to Friday 25th February

Easter break: Monday 11th to Friday 22nd April

### **Summer Term 2022**

Starts: Monday 25th April

Ends: Monday 18th July

May day: Monday 2nd May

Half term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

189 school days with 5 Inset days

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday June 2022

**Foundation children will return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September as shared in transition meeting**

## **SCHOOL DAY**

**For a positive start to the school day – arrive on time.**

From September, we are planning for the school day to resume to normal:

### **2YO & Foundation 1**

Morning session 8.30am – 11.30am for 2YO and Foundation 1

Afternoon session 12.30pm- 3.30pm for Foundation 1

### **Foundation 2 – Year 6**

Start of the school day 8.55am

End of the school day 3.05pm for Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2

3.15pm for Year 3 – Year 6

Church Road gates will be open at 8.30am – for our 2YO children and Foundation 1.

School gates will open at 8.45am for Year 1- Year 6

Church Road and Barrymore Road gates will open at 3pm for the collection of children

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Thank you to the many parents who responded to the survey concerning school footwear. Over 90% of responses were in favour of having a choice between wearing school shoes or ALL black trainers. We are going to trial this for the year with a view to evaluating it in the summer term.

**Our school uniform forms part of our school identity, uniting our children and giving them pride in being a valued member of our St Cuthbert's family.**

**2YO, Foundation 1 and 2 Uniform**

White polo shirt  
Royal blue jogging bottoms (royal blue shorts in the summer)  
Royal blue sweatshirt top with Foundation logo  
Black school shoes or ALL black training shoes

#### **Y1 – Y6 Winter Girls Uniform**

Royal blue tartan kilt  
Royal blue jumper or cardigan with school logo  
White blouse  
School tie  
White/navy/black socks or tights  
Black school shoes or ALL black training shoes

#### **Y1 – Y6 Winter Boys Uniform**

Black Trousers  
Royal blue jumper with school logo  
White shirt  
School Tie  
Black school shoes or ALL black training shoes

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

#### **Whole School PE Days – Wednesday & Thursday (starting WC 6.9.21)**

Please ensure that your child / children come to school in their kit ready to partake within physical activity:

Black shorts  
Royal Blue T-shirt with school logo  
Black tracksuit Jacket with school logo (**optional**)  
Black tracksuit trousers (**optional**)  
Training shoes or pumps

### **FRUIT SNACK**

#### **We can support our children to increase their focus, concentration, motivation and overall health.**

Currently, our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children have a morning fruit snack provided in school each day. Unfortunately, this isn't the case for our older children. We recognise that for many, it is a long time to go from breakfast until lunch and this can often have an impact on concentration and motivation. With this in mind we are keen to encourage KS2 children to bring into school their own portion of fruit for a mid-morning snack. We must remind parents to ensure that the amount of fruit sent in is appropriate and that it must be prepared in a way to ensure it is safe to eat (e.g. halving grapes, removing stones from soft fruits).

### **MILK**

Children are always encouraged to bring a water bottle with them into school. If you would like your child to have a carton of milk in school, you can pay for this via School Comms for £6 per academic year. Please send a dojo message to Mrs Radburn if you would like your child to have school milk.

### **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Parents – please don't forget about your own self-care. Discover the supportive online mental wellbeing space for adults: [qwell.io](http://qwell.io)

The CAMHS Crisis Care Team provides support, advice and guidance to children, families and carers in crisis Telephone: 0151 293 3577 or freephone 0808 196 3550

Talk Liverpool have an urgent 24/7 mental health access line available during the current pandemic Telephone 0151 296 7200 or the freephone number 0800 145 6570

Samaritans provide a listening service available to all Liverpool parents: Tel: 116 123 free phone line available 24/7

Further local and national information about health and wellbeing: [www.liveyourlifewell.info](http://www.liveyourlifewell.info)

### **SCHOOL COMMS**

We are requesting that from September 2021, all payments (milk, lunches, Breakfast Club, After School Club etc) are paid through School Gateway – it is the central hub allowing for the office staff to manage finances in a more efficient and effective manner. Please ensure that you download the free app. Simply search *School Gateway* in your App store and download.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

Android phone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload)

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending a Dojo to Mrs Raburn or Mrs Morris.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>. You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone. We do however recommend using the app if possible, as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.

I wish you al a relaxing and enjoyable summer

Mrs Bellis-Knox  
Head Teacher