



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School



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Newsletter Friday 4th September 2020

Welcome back to another school year at St. Mark's. We would like to thank all parents for the sensible way they have adhered to our daily start and finish times to avoid congestion on the playground and Leathers Lane.

Class	Start time	Finish time	Entry/Exit point
Y6	8:45-8:55	2:50-3:00	Leathers Lane Door
Y5	8:45-8:55	2:50-3:00	Playground Door
Y4	8:55-9:05	3:00-3:10	Leathers Lane Door
Y3	8:55-9:05	3:00-3:10	Playground Door
Y1/2	9:05-9:15	3:10-3:15	Playground Door
Reception	8:55-9:50	2:40-3:10	Classroom Door

Families with more than one child can bring and pick up all children at the designated time of their eldest child

Parents/carers must:

- Keep to 1 metre plus distance between adults on school grounds
- Not arrive at school outside of their designated pick up and drop off times
- Not congregate together outside the school gates
- Inform school immediately if any family members display symptoms of Covid-19
- Ensure your child is in school every day, unless ill. The Government has announced that fines for non-attendance will be introduced from September 2020

It was lovely to see so many happy pupils return to school this week, every one of them looking extremely smart in their uniform. We welcome 31 new pupils into Reception, who have settled well in to school life. We are looking forward to welcoming 25 new Nursery pupils on Monday 7th September. Well done to the pupils for also following our cleaning routines and new playground and lunchtime rotas to reduce the number of contacts between different groups of pupils.

It is vital that we keep vigilant within school and keep to Public Health advice to minimise COVID 19 risks.

- Regular handwashing/sanitising in class and toilets
- Handwashing on entry/exit/playtimes/lunchtimes (hand sanitising units purchased and placed around the school)
- Classroom ventilated at all times with windows and non-fire doors open
- Respiratory hygiene, tissues freely available, 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements during the school day
- School will engage with the NHS Track and Trace process and liaise with the local health protection team in the event of any suspected or confirmed cases of Covid
- Procedures in place immediately for any child/adult suspected of Covid



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PE Timetable

Monday	Year 2
Tuesday	Rec, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5
Wednesday	Year 6

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit, trainers and bring a tracksuit or warm clothing as we hope to have all PE lessons outside, unless it is raining heavily.

Music

Children in Year 3 and Year 5 will receive a Music lesson every Tuesday afternoon from Mrs Summers, a specialist Music teacher.

Computing

Year 6 will receive a Computing lesson every Friday afternoon by Ms Wood, a specialist teacher.

Spanish

We are awaiting confirmation on which day the Spanish teacher will be in school.

Dinner Money

Dinner money continues to be £10.50 per week (£2.10 a day) and should be paid in advance via Parentpay. Children in Year 3 who do not qualify for means tested free school meals should have received a letter this week with details of how to set up a Parentpay account. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may be entitled to free school meals, please visit <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/school-meals-and-menus> and complete the online application.

Our Autumn menu is available to view on our website. Paper copies are available from the school office.

Term Dates:

Term dates are available on our school app and website.

Snack Trolley

Due to COVID 19 we are currently not providing snack trolley. All children are receiving a bagel each morning and they are allowed to bring in a snack to eat during morning playtime (Y1-6).

Many thanks finally to all staff for ensuring the school is as safe an environment as possible for everyone within it.

If any parents/carers have concerns or would like more information on the steps school is taking to keep everyone safe, please contact school by:
phone 0151 288 8910 email stmarks@knowsley.gov.uk