



Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

September 2020

We are delighted to see so many children return back to school after such a long absence. We know for some children and parents this would have brought some challenges and we hope that moving into our second week any concerns would have been relieved. The children have all adapted to our 'new normal' extremely well and are settling into their new classes.

As we have all had a few days learning our new routines we thought it would be useful to detail a few points.

Pick Up / Drop Off Times

After a confusing first day back both parents and children are now dropping off and picking up at designated times. This allows our children and parents to arrive at school staggered times to enable social distancing.

Children without siblings in our school: 8.45 – 3.15
If you only have children in KS1 (inc: F1): 9.05 – 3.35
If you only have children in KS2: 8.55 – 3.25
If you have children across all KS: 9.05 – 3.35

Can we ask all parents / carers to remain outside of the school gates in the mornings and when collecting in the afternoon please remain socially distanced whilst on the playground.

Water Bottles

We are unable to sell water bottles to the children at present. Can you please ensure all children bring a water bottle with them to school and they can be refilled during the day if needed.

Bags

Please do not send bags in with your child. PE bags should be brought into school and stored within the classroom, they will be sent home at half term. Lunch bags can be brought into school but we would prefer disposable bags if at all possible.

Lunch Time Arrangements

F1 and F2 lunches are unchanged.
Year 1 – 6 will be accessing the canteen on a rolling program. When year groups are eating in class they will be provided with a packed lunch if they receive school meals.

Absence

Should your child be absent for any reason please inform the school office by leaving a message on our answer phone or by email. Reporting the absence enables us to record their absence appropriately due to DfE guidelines.

Social Media

A number of parents have contacted school to share their anxiety regarding children attending school who are unwell. If you post on social media that your child has any of the symptoms of COVID including temperatures, sneezes, coughs and headaches this leads to anxiety in others. It would be helpful if you could refrain from posting such information and source appropriate medical advice.

COVID

What should I do if a member of my household has symptoms?

- They must get a test
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until they get their test result – only leave home to have a test
- Anyone you live with must also stay at home until you get your result
- Inform school by leaving a message on the absence line

What should I do if my child has symptoms?

We will continue to follow Governments advice with regards to symptomatic children. Children must not attend school if they have any of the 4 main symptoms

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell
- A loss or change to your sense of taste

If you have any of the above symptoms you must:

- Get a test
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave home to have a test
- Anyone you live with must also stay at home until you get your result
- Inform school by leaving a message on the absence line

Tests can be booked via www.wirral.gov.uk/test
If your child has a test please forward the result to schooloffice@ourlady-saintedwards.wirral.sch.uk

If you are worried about your symptoms or unsure of what to do please contact 111.

What we will do if a child shows symptoms whilst at school

Should any child start showing symptoms at school they will be referred to our first aider. Their temperature may be taken using a non-contact digital thermometer. Should our first aider believe that your child is displaying any of the 4 main symptoms we will contact parents to come and collect their child to be tested. Children will be supervised away from their bubble until a parent/carer arrives.

What we will do if we are advised of a positive case of a pupil, parent or staff member

The school may be contacted via Track & Trace if a staff member, pupil or parent has tested positive for COVID. We will immediately contact our local Public Health Protection Team for help and advice. We will follow their instructions and relay any information to our parents / carers via email.

It is therefore vitally important that we have up to date email addresses for all children. Data collection sheets will be sent home shortly, please return if there are any changes.