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*"To go forward together in Christ, respecting our neighbour and striving for excellence"*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! It was wonderful to see so many happy children returning to school this week and dare I say even happier parents! I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new pupils, parents and staff. They have done remarkably well considering the circumstances and not having experienced our taster days.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation in working with us in following the Covid guidelines.

- Only **1 parent** is allowed to enter the school premises with their child.
- There is a **one-way system** in place for parents so that social distancing can be maintained. On arrival the pedestrian gate and footpath are to be used and when exiting the premises, it is via the gate near the office and through the car park. This is clearly signposted.
- Parents who have siblings in two or three different classes we ask you to bring the children at the earliest drop off time and the earliest pick up time.
- Please do not cluster together on the yard and keep socially distanced as advised by the guidelines.
- Each group is provided with a 5 minute drop off and collection time for each child. **This is extremely**

**important to limit numbers of people on site at any one time.**

I am sure you are all aware that Pendle is sadly in a local lockdown and figures are still rising at present. It is important we keep school a safe place for children and staff.

#### **ASSEMBLIES**

Parents are usually invited to our Celebration Assembly each Friday afternoon starting at 3:00pm. The assemblies which are led by each class in turn, celebrates the successes of the week and a Star of the Week Award is presented to a child in each year group. The children also receive their merit certificates and other awards in the assembly. It is also an opportunity to hear latest news announcements and important information relating to school and/or your child. **However due to the Covid 19 restrictions we are not allowed to have gatherings in school. When it is safe to do so we will resume with assemblies.**

#### **MEDICINES IN SCHOOL**

If your child needs to bring prescribed medicine into school, a medicine form needs to be completed before staff can administer the medicine. Forms are available in school.



### **GARDENERS AND SEEDS**

Holy Trinity has a 'Seeds and Gardeners' project where a reception child (the seed) is linked to one of our year 6 pupils (the gardeners). Gardeners act as a buddy to their seed, helping them find their way around school in the first few days and weeks until they feel more confident. We are unable to do this fully at the moment but we will still be pairing the children up and finding ways to build this bond via zoom initially.

### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone we are a nut free school for the safety and health of our pupils. Food allergies can be fatal. Reactions can range from an irritating rash to life-threatening anaphylaxis, and it only requires a small amount of the allergen to set off symptoms.

First aid staff in the school are trained to use Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which are required immediately if there is a serious reaction. However, to minimise the risk of an allergic reaction we cannot have nuts in school in any form.

So please do not put any nut products in your child's lunch box or as a snack. Many thanks for your cooperation with this important aspect of health and safety at school.

### **SWIMMING**

Class 4 will not commence swimming until local restrictions are lifted. We have been told this decision will be reviewed in October by the swimming baths.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

It was lovely to see how SMART the children looked, returning to school in new uniform and shiny shoes.

Please make **sure all items are named clearly**. (A permanent marker pen on inside labels does the trick!) Also please can all PE kits be sent into school so that all children can take part in PE lessons. Physical Education is a very important part of your child's education and it is your responsibility to make sure they are ready for PE. Your child needs a full and correct PE kit in school every day - not just on the days appointed for PE. All PE kit **MUST** be labelled. Due to Covid all PE lessons will take place outside so it is important they have their outdoor kit.

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

School dinner Prices from the Autumn Term

Daily - £2:30

Weekly – £11:50

4 Weekly - £46:00

We have a parent mail app that allows payments to be made on line.

If you are paying by cheque or cash then please send in an envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

### **BREAKFAST / AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Breakfast club commences at 8.00 am.

Please register your child if you wish them to come to breakfast club. The cost is £10.00 per week. This is £2 a day. Bookings can be made on ParentMail

After School Club is 3:30pm till 5pm and can also be booked via ParentMail.

### **PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2021**

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021 you need to apply for their school place now.

Please visit

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) and search 'school admissions'.

Closing date is 15th January 2021

## **PARENTMAIL**

During the end of the last school year we introduced our new app 'ParentMail' unfortunately due to Covid we have been unable to provide training sessions to any families struggling to use the new system.

If you need any help please click on the link below for access to the help site <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/> or contact the school office.

## **PARKING**

Please be considerate when parking outside school. Do not block residents drives and do not park in the school grounds.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES**

All applications must be submitted by 31st October 2020.

## **WEBSITE**

We have a school website to keep parents and carers up to date with school news and notices, and to showcase some of the great things our pupils are achieving. Take a look and browse our class pages, read the newsletter, check term dates, see what's happening in our after school clubs and be a part of our school community.

## **TWITTER**

If you do not follow us on twitter, you are missing out on knowing about lots of fantastic things which are going on in our school. Please follow us for regular updates. @Holytrinityrc



Thank you for your continued support.