

St. Gregory's News

We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of myself and all the staff, I would like to welcome you back and extend a very warm welcome to our new families who are joining us today. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your kind words, cards and gifts that you gave to staff at the end of last term.

We do hope you have had a restful break and are looking forward to the term ahead. We hope to be able to invite you into school to join us for many events over the coming months.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Mrs Dunne

Covid-19

As the COVID-19 restrictions ease, we have updated our risk assessment with some supplementary information and this is available on the website. The key points are outlined below:

- Bubbles are no longer advised and children can have lunchtimes and break times together. Throughout September, the relaxation of contact between classes will be a gradual process; for example, Collective Worship and Assemblies will be held separately for Infants and Juniors at first.
- The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings but recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. We no longer require adults to wear masks when bringing their child to school or when picking their children up from the school grounds.
- If your child is identified as a close contact, they do not need to isolate, unless they have symptoms of COVID-19. Instead, they will be advised by NHS Track and Trace with advice and whether they need to book a PCR test. They can continue coming to school until they get the test result, as long as they have no symptoms.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated, but they may be advised to book a PCR test.
- If a child develops symptoms in school, they will be isolated, sent home and you will be asked to book them a PCR test. We would request that any positive cases or suspected cases, are reported to us as a matter of urgency, using the school email.
- All schools will have plans in place on what to do if anyone at school tests positive for COVID-19, or if additional measures are needed to be reintroduced for a limited period.

- We will be continuing with regular handwashing, cleaning regimes and will keep all rooms well ventilated.

Uniform

The children look fabulous in their smart new uniforms and school shoes. A big thank you for your support with this.

School bags

Children will be provided with all the equipment they need in order to complete their work in class. Please remember that cloakroom space is limited. Therefore, children should only bring a sensibly sized bag to school and a drawstring bag for their PE kit.

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school with them, which should be clearly named and filled with water. This will be taken home each day so it can be washed.

PE kits

We ask that children come into school in their full uniform and bring their PE kit with them in a separate draw string bag. For health and safety reasons, can I also ask that long hair is tied back for PE, earrings should be taken out or covered with tape and watches should be removed.

Drop Offs and Pick Ups

There are very few changes to the arrangements that were in place before the end of the summer term.

School will open the doors between 8:45 and 8:55. Children are welcome to come into school between these times. Reception children will enter school through the Reception garden gate.

At the end of day, all classes will finish at 3:30pm. Reception children will be collected from the Reception garden gate, Year 1 children will leave school through the KS1 door and Year 2 will leave through the gate in the outside area of the Year 2 classroom.

Please can we ask that children do not play on the climbing equipment before and after school.

Absence from school

If your child is poorly and is going to be absent from school, please will you contact the office before 9.30am. If we have not heard from parents or carers we will send a text to ask you to contact school. If we still do not hear then we will follow this up with a telephone call. It is important you tell us the reason why your child is absent as we have to record this differently depending on the reason.

Contact details

Please will you inform school if you have changed your telephone number or address? We also need an up to date email address as we use this as a way of passing on information to parents. Unfortunately, along with our teachers2parents text messaging service, it is only possible to have one contact listed. Please will you ensure that we have the main contact for your child/children.

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Our fantastic team of parents and staff have already been planning some events to raise money for our school. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

If you shop online and haven't already signed up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk please take a few moments to do this. This is one of the easiest ways of raising money for our school at no extra cost to yourself. Through the easyfundraising app you can access websites including John Lewis, Amazon, Argos, M&S and many more retailers and they will give a FREE donation to our school. Many thanks to our supporters who have raised nearly £100 for us.