

Newsletter

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Ysgol Catholig Santes Fair

Friday 26th June 2020

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, which in normal circumstances would be a day of Holy Obligation.

Dear Parent,

We are very much looking forward to **welcoming our children back to school** from Monday onwards for the next three weeks. There are a few routines to bear in mind please that will enable us to operate within current Welsh Government and Local Authority guidance:

1. Children **travelling to school by bus** will be **picked up at their usual time from their usual stop** and be dropped off at their normal times too. They will be safely escorted onto the school site when they arrive.
2. Parents of **all other children need to arrive at school with them between 9 and 9.10am**. This is to reduce any occasions when crowding may be a problem.
3. For children in our **Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes**, please enter through the **pedestrian gate beside the main car park** and follow the directions that are inside the gate. You will be welcomed in that area and your child will be delivered safely to their classroom. **All other parents can use the other pedestrian entrance gate** please and deliver your child to their usual classroom through the external classroom doors. Staff will be in the classroom ready to welcome your child. **The school day will end for these children at 3pm** and parents can gather in a socially distanced way outside their child's class for them to be safely collected.
4. When your child is in school we will operate a **'Bubble System'** to secure their safety. They will spend break times and lunch times within a 'bubble' with their class peers.
5. We will **ensure that our children are well informed about the necessary handwashing procedures** through the course of the school day. They will wash their hands on arrival, before and after eating food, after visiting the toilet and at the end of the school day. **Please ensure that you child's hands are also washed before they leave to come to school.**
6. There is **no need for school uniform to be worn**. Rather, easily washable clothes are recommended to be worn, that can easily be washed each day when your child comes home.
7. Once you have collected your child/children from the school grounds, we would **appreciate it if you could leave immediately** please to help us to avoid crowding issues.
8. Please **communicate with us if you need to via the telephone or by e-mail** and only enter the school building in the event of an emergency situation.
9. Our teachers, on your child's visits to school, will be **focusing on their wellbeing, on checking their basic skills and on the online learning that is ongoing**.

We trust that your child will enjoy their two days back in school. Please note that the **Summer Term will now end on the original planned date of Friday July 17th** and not the 24th as was proposed by the Minister for Education.

It is not possible to conduct our usual transition activities in the current climate. Mrs Parry will be in touch with new Nursery parents over the next week or so with some online information that we hope will be enjoyable and of use to parents. All of our children will have a transition task to prepare for their new teacher in September. The transition to Year 7 is taking place online. We have already forwarded some information from Mr. Brian Davies who is co-ordinating the process this year and more information will be sent to parents over the next fortnight or so.

Your child's simplified **end of year report will be with you by July 10th at the latest**. I am currently in the process of reading and signing all of them. I trust when you receive it, it will be of great interest to you.

As of yet we have no firm ideas about what our provision in September will look like in detail. We are awaiting guidance and instruction from the Local Authority and as soon as we have it we will ensure that it is passed on to you.

In **next week's newsletter** I will confirm the details in relation to the **pattern of classes for September**.

Our insurance claim Re: **Cancelled trip to France** is currently being processed, we will inform parents of refund details as soon as we have them.

We very much **appreciate your co-operation and support** in these very unusual times. I trust that it will be a once in a lifetime experience for us all!



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