



St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School

Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that we have completed our first two weeks back in school I would like to provide you with a few updates.

Wherever possible we are trying to reduce the amount of letters, books and paper that pass between home and school. However, at times this is not always possible. An example would be the contact details form that will be sent out next week.

Reading Books

Starting next week, staff will begin allocating children with their home reading book. Following guidelines, all children within a year group will be given a new reading book on a specified day. They will then keep this book at home for 4 days. When the book is returned to school it will stay in quarantine for 3 days before it is issued to another child. For this to work it is important that everyone brings their book back to school on their specified day.

Homework

Our school is currently setting up a Google Classroom account for every child. This will be used for children to complete homework alongside our existing apps of Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Tapestry will be used for children in Reception. This will enable our children to complete relevant tasks without having to physically pass work between home and school.

Home Learning if a Year Group is required to isolate

As parents are already aware, if a child or member of staff within a bubble tests positive for COVID-19, current guidelines state that the whole bubble will need to isolate at home for 14 days. Google Classroom will be our main way of engaging with the children from Year 1 – Year 6 in year groups that have to isolate. Tapestry will be used in Reception. If a year group has to isolate before all children have been trained on how to use Google Classroom, learning packs have been prepared for the interim period. **Please use the link to the survey** to help us see what access your household has to the internet at home. **You can only complete the survey once, so please add all of your children on the same survey.** The survey takes approximately 30 seconds to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RZ3HL5C>

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I must stress that we currently do not have access to any additional laptops/tablets to share with families. This information is to inform us which children would be able to access online lessons if required.

Parent Pay

This term we plan to introduce an online payment system. This will be used to pay for school dinners, educational visits (when they resume) and a range of other activities.

Year 1 end of day collection

Can I ask parents to hold back from entering the Year 1 collection point if it is looking too busy. All children will be kept safely with their teacher until you arrive into the collection zone. We also need to keep the gate area by the Year 1 building clear so that children and parents can easily pass through. Please leave the collection zone as soon as you collect your child. This will leave more room for parents to enter. Thank you.

Secondary School Application Process

An online meeting will be arranged for parents of Year 6 children to discuss the process of applying to secondary schools. A separate letter will be issued to Year 6 parents when the date and time is confirmed.

As you will be aware from listening to the news, guidance for schools and the wider community is continuously being updated. With this in mind I will provide you with information nearer the time as to how Autumn Term parents meetings will operate.

Thank you again to all of our families for your continued support during these unprecedented times. It is greatly appreciated by all of our staff.

Yours sincerely,

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