




# St Charles Roman Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children

I am delighted to welcome you back to a new school year under our restructured leadership team. Thank you for all of your well wishes, I am honoured and excited to be returning as Headteacher. We have spent the Summer redesigning our school curriculum and our teachers have been working hard to plan exciting and engaging tasks for the coming term.

On behalf of the staff and myself, may I take this opportunity to thank you so much for our lovely gifts and messages at the end of last term.

## Staffing update

Unfortunately, Miss Symington has lost her beloved father during the holidays and as such will not be present in school for a few weeks whilst she mourns her loss. She has been into school and prepared classwork for the children, so in the meantime a member of supply staff and Miss Berry will be working in Y3. We are working to keep this disruption to a minimum. Please keep Miss Symington and her dad in your prayers, RIP.

Mrs Mottram will be leading the class in Reception on a Friday this term. She is originally a DT and Art teacher and an experienced SENCO. She has a wealth of experience and will make an excellent creative addition to the team.

Miss Buckland now has a permanent contract, continuing to work with the children transitioning into Y5.

## RAAC (concrete)

You may have read or heard in the press that some schools are at risk of collapse due to the materials that they were built with. Due to the age of our building, we were one of the first to be surveyed in February and this shows that we are NOT affected.

## Diary dates

The diary dates will be sent out and available on the school website next week, these are the core events, other activities may be added throughout the year. Parents, Grandparents and other special people in your children's lives are welcome to attend class prayer services, assemblies and Friday Celebration assembly. All start at 9.05. You are welcome to come and enjoy a peaceful cup of tea or coffee immediately after drop off, please help yourself. You will notice that we have streamlined the majority of Class led assemblies and prayer services to one each per term, in the hope that this will be more accessible for working parents and grandparents.

As a reminder, as per my letter at the end of term, attendance and uniform are high priorities on our agenda. Please keep jewellery to a minimum one set of studs, no danglies or hoops.

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## Parking

Please use the church car park and Moorside football car park when dropping and collecting your children from school. We ask that you refrain from using the residents parking along the main driveway as this is a fire access route and also a main access point for many families, at times this becomes very unsafe when people are reversing in a rush and there are lots of small children around. Please help to keep our children safe.

## Volunteering

If you have any spare time and would like to offer your services, we are open to your ideas and expertise. In the past, we have had parents, grandparents, community members volunteer to listen to readers, decorate, tidy areas, diy tasks and gardening. Please contact the office if you can help.

## Pe days

Children may come to school in their school PE kit (this is not football or random sports clothing)

Forest school days will follow next week.

## Place2Be

We are entering into our second year of our Place2Be support. This is a fantastic service that we are

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proud to be able to offer our children and families. Sania is in school on Thursdays and Fridays each week, if you would like to speak to her, please come to the office.

## School dinners

The price of school dinners remains at £10.50. Whilst children in Reception-Y2 receive universal free school meals, if you think you may be entitled to normal Free School Meals due to the benefits you receive, please can you speak to the office. We receive extra money for every child who is registered for normal free school meals. Our budgets are incredibly tight this year, so every penny helps provide extra special learning opportunities.

## Snacks

Children in EYFS and KS1 do not need a snack, they are provided with fruit.

We encourage children in KS2 to bring a healthy snack for their morning break. Please can you discourage them from bringing chocolate and unhealthy crisps on a regular basis. As well as aiming to teach the children how to make healthy life choices, we are conscious that some regular snacks have high levels of fat and sugar and this impacts the children's behaviour and learning after playtime.

Thank you for your support in everything that we do at St Charles in ensuring that the school is the best place it can be for all of our children and staff. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Best wishes

Mrs Drake

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