

St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School



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We are an Operation Encompass School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed a restful summer break. It has been great to welcome back your children over the past week, ready for the school year ahead of us. It feels like the children have been back at school for a number of weeks as they have settled so quickly! They have set such high standards with their work ethic and behaviour and they all look extremely smart in their school uniforms. The children have spoken positively about starting in their new year groups and they are really enjoying their work so far. It has also been lovely to meet our new starters in Nursery and Reception this week; they have settled extremely well too. As parents you must be extremely proud of your children embracing school life so calmly and quickly.

Please read the important information regarding school policy and procedure below:

Best wishes,

Mr D Woodhouse

Reading Books and Homework:

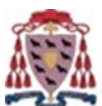
It is very important that you read with your child at home on a regular basis, please add a comment, and date and sign their diary. Please ensure that they return their books to school each day so that staff in school can also support their reading.

Homework for Years 1-5 will be sent home every Monday and should be completed and brought back into school by the Thursday. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday every week.

Uniform:

Please read and follow our uniform policy on our website. Children may also wear a non-badged jumper/cardigan in royal blue.

A reminder that **earrings** of any kind are **not permitted** in school. For health and safety reasons, if your child does have their ears pierced, earrings should be removed before coming into school each day. Children wearing earrings in school will be asked to remove



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them. Fake nails and make up are also not allowed.

Start/finish times

The school gates will be open from 8.40-8.55am for all classes. Staff will open the school doors at 8.50am. All school children will now finish at 3.25pm.

After school clubs:

Please note that after school clubs will start up again from **Monday 9th September**. A letter confirming your child's place has been sent out. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

P.E. Kits

Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day. Their kit should consist of a pair of blue shorts, a white t-shirt (not the white polo shirt they have worn all day), and a pair of black plimsolls. P.E. kits can be ordered from the school office.

Attendance

Attendance at school is compulsory. This means that every child should be in school every day. In all year groups (Nursery-Year 6), new learning is introduced daily and so it is essential that gaps in learning are not created because of unnecessary absence from school. Please do **everything possible** to ensure that your child is in school from the start of the new school year in September.

You have received a letter about the new National Framework for Penalty Notices issued by the Government. If you have any questions regarding absence and fines, please contact the school office.

We operate a traffic light system for attendance. If your child's attendance falls into the amber or red categories, you will receive a phone call or letter home.

Red - Under 92%	Amber – 92-96.99%	Green – 97% and above
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Bikes and Scooters

We would like to remind everyone that bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school yard. To ensure everyone's safety, please dismount and walk to the bike/scooter racks. We enjoy seeing so many children making the choice to ride to school and thank you for your help in keeping our school a safe environment.

Dogs:

Please remember that we **do not allow dogs** on our premises, including all our outside space and the two yards.

Medication:

If your child requires medication in school can you please ensure that you bring this into school **as soon as possible**. If you have not already done so, a 'Medical Consent Form' will need to be completed.

If your child has a new **Asthma diagnosis** please fill in a form from the school office. An inhaler/spacer can be left in school. Anyone that does not need an inhaler anymore please let staff know so they can be removed from the register.



Fit for the Finish:

Congratulations to our Year 6 class who took part in the Great North Run "Fit for the Finish" schools race today at Gypsies Green. They all put in so much effort and represented our school very well.

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Important Dates – Autumn Term

Extra dates will be added as they are finalised. More information about each of these events will follow shortly.

Friday 6th September – Year 6 "Fit for the Finish" race

Wednesday 11th September 9am – Ten Ten Parents meeting in the hall

Tuesday October 15th – Year 3 Pedestrian Safety Training

Tuesday October 15th – Year 6 visit to Safetyworks

October 17th-21st – Scholastic Book Fayre

Friday 18th October – Flu Nasal immunisations (R-Y6)

November 11th-14th – Year 5 Bikeability

December 4th – Year 4 Bikeability



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