



St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

As we come to the end of another lockdown in the school year, I would like to thank all of our children, staff and parents for their hard work, dedication, patience and resilience over the last 8 school weeks (I know it feels like longer!).

We have re-evaluated our risk assessment (again) and the systems we had in place before Christmas. A full reopening document is available on parent pay for you to read.

Please note:

- Pupils, staff and other adults must not enter school premises if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 **or** a member of their household is displaying symptoms **or** they have had a positive test result. Pupils must not attend if they or anyone in their household is waiting for the results of a test.
 - Pupils will be entering/exiting school at the same place as they were before Christmas. Pick up times remain the same, but drop off times are slightly different:
 - Reception - Drop off 8.40-8.55am, pick up 3pm (Daisy Path gate)
 - Year 1 - Drop off 8.40-8.55am, pick up 3.15pm (Daisy Path gate)
 - Year 2 - Drop off 8.40-8.55am, pick up 3.15pm (main yard)
 - Year 3 - Drop off 8.40-8.55am, pick up 3.15pm (main yard)
 - Year 4 - Drop off 8.40-8.55am, pick up 3.25pm (main yard)
 - Year 5 - Drop off 8.40-8.55am, pick up 3.25pm (main yard)
 - Year 6 - Drop off 8.40-8.55am, pick up 3.25pm (main yard)**Please note: arrival times for ALL PUPILS are between 8:40 and 8:55am. If you need your child to be in school before this time, you must book a slot at breakfast club.**
 - Please wear a face mask when collecting your child and **only one adult** should collect your child. Please follow the one way system on the main yard. Adults must not congregate at the gate or in the church car park. Your Y5/6 child can walk home if we have written permission.
 - Parents and carers should not come to the school entrance without an appointment.
 - Pupils are not permitted to bring in toys or own stationery from home. Pupils should only bring essential items - lunch box/water bottle.
 - Pupils should wear full school uniform or their PE uniform on PE days. Any coloured hair must be returned to their normal colour and please don't have tram lines cut into hairstyles.
 - **Please return all devices and pupil books on Monday. These should be brought to school in a plastic bag so they can be quarantined.**
 - Breakfast club will resume on Monday 8th March (8am-8.30am). Pupils will come to the main entrance. If you attended school before Christmas your place at breakfast club still stands.
- Many thanks for your support in keeping our school and community safe.

During the church's year we get several opportunities to take a moment and reflect on our lives. Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, is one of those occasions. We often hear about what people are going to give up for Lent, but sometimes we don't really understand the reason why. Sometimes it is because we want to do something to change our lifestyle such as giving up chocolate or crisps. Sometimes it is to do something for other people. In the end our reasons are personal. Perhaps this Lent our promise could be to think about others and try to follow Jesus' commands and example more fully.

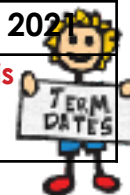


Throughout Lent it is our custom to collect **Lenten Alms**. Instead of money, this year at this difficult time, we are collecting for the food bank. You can send the usual packet/tinned foods or an easter egg. Each class has a small box where children can put in donations on a daily basis. Please send in a donation if you are able.

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Easter	Friday 26th March 2021	Monday 12th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 30th April 2021	Tuesday 4th May 2021
Summer Half term	Friday 28th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer	Friday 16th July 2021	Thursday 2nd September 2021

Please note that School will be closed for two further Professional Development days this school year:

Monday 19th July and Tuesday 21st July 2021



2021-2022 holiday dates are available on Parent Pay and our School website.

Parent Meetings

At the end of this half term, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. As in the Autumn term, this will be held virtually. Class teachers will be in touch with details about how you can book your slot.



Easter Raffle

We are holding an Easter raffle in school. Tickets will be 50p per strip and will be sold each day in your child's class (please send money in a sealed envelope and don't send money to the school office). Children can buy as many strips as they like and tickets will go on sale on Monday. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 26th March.



Uniform

Many thanks for your co-operation in dressing children in the appropriate school uniform. Just a reminder of our uniform policy during COVID:

Children will be in full school uniform and have a full indoor and outdoor PE kit

School uniform:

- School jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt or blouse (it does not have to have the school logo on)
- Black/grey trousers or skirt/pinafore ***No leggings or short, lycra skirts**
- Black** school shoes or **plain black** trainers

PE Kit:

- School shorts and t-shirt and plimsolls for indoor PE
- Black or grey jogging bottoms or leggings, school t-shirt and either school jumper or a black, maroon or grey hoodie with outdoor trainers for outdoor PE.

Please label all uniform with your child's name as we have so much PE kit and school jumpers that go missing. **We will not be able to use spare PE kits.*

- We are still following public health advice that no jewellery should be worn apart from a wristwatch (this means no earrings at all).
- We will be making the use of the field at playtimes and using classroom doors rather than shared doors and corridors to minimise contact between classes, so please send your child with a pair of indoor shoes (this can be the plimsolls they have for indoor PE).

Rights Respecting



Thursday is World Book Day so this week we are reading and thinking about articles 17,29 and 31. Have a look on our website for some ideas.

Absence

If your child is absent, **please ring the school office and leave a message (24hours).**

You do not need to speak to a member of staff or email your child's teacher.

If you have a new mobile number or you have changes such as addresses, home numbers etc, please let the school office know as soon as possible.