

# All Saints' CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everybody and a very warm welcome to the All Saints' family to all of our new families. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday; it has been so lovely to hear the children talking enthusiastically about their summer adventures. Over the past two days, I have been blown away by how calmly the children have settled into their new classes – especially our very youngest children in nursery!

As it is the start of a new school year, this is a great time to remind everyone about our school expectations and the lines of communication available to you.

#### **School Uniform**

School uniform is incredibly important, and we thank all parents for their support in ensuring that all children come to school dressed correctly each day.

Here is a reminder of the full school uniform:

- Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore
- White Shirt/blouse/polo-shirt
- School Tie
- School Jumper
- Grey socks/grey tights

(During the summer, children may wear a blue and white striped/checked school dress or grey shorts)

#### PE Kit:

- Royal Blue Shorts/skirt
- Pale blue PE Top
- Royal Blue Joggers
- Royal Blue Sweatshirt
- Black PE pumps for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor games.
- All jewellery **must** be removed for PE lessons

The only items of jewellery that are permitted in school are small stud earrings, a religious bracelet/necklace and a watch. Hair should be tied back with plain hairbands - large bows and Alice bands should not be worn. Nearly new school uniform can be purchased from the PTFA via Anna Parr.

#### **Universal School Meals**

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. If you would like your child to have a hot or cold lunch provided by school, just let your child's class teacher know.

## Water, Snacks and Milk

All children need to have a named bottle in school every day that is filled with plain water. Squash, flavoured water and juice are only allowed to be drunk at lunchtime as a part of your child's packed lunch.

Children in Chestnut class and Beech class continue to receive a piece of fruit at break time. If your child is in key stage two and you would like your child to have a snack at break time, please send a piece of fruit, raw

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chopped vegetables, buttered crackers or toast in for them. Cereal bars, chocolate biscuits and crisps are not allowed at play time but can form a part of a balanced packed lunch.

Children under the age of 5 receive a carton of milk a day free of charge. The term a child turns 5 this service stops. If you would like your child to have milk, please register and pay via the Cool Milk website: https://www.coolmilk.com

### **Medicines**

Please speak to Mrs Williams or me straight away, if your child develops a medical condition e.g. asthma, epilepsy, anaphylaxis so that we can arrange a care plan for your child. If your child is unwell and prescribed medication that needs to be taken during the school day, please ensure that you complete the correct paperwork at the office and hand the medication to Mrs Jones or Mrs Williams. We will not administer any medication that has not been prescribed by a doctor and only give antibiotics that need be taken four times a day.

### **Calling all Footballing Parents**

If any parents are budding football coaches, we would love to hear from you as we would love a parent to run our school football teams. If you have completed any coaching badges or just a keen footballer and can commit an hour a week to running training sessions for our footballers, please let me know. A member of school staff will always be present to support with behaviour and medical needs. Anyone willing to support the school in this way will be asked to complete a full DBS check to meet our safeguarding policy.

### **Attendance and Holidays**

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by **9.00am** to inform us of the reason that your child is not in school. Can I remind all parents that holidays in term time will not be authorised, and the local authority will be notified of **all** unauthorised absences.

### The school's position remains as follows:

The school's attendance policy makes it clear that absences in term time will not be authorised unless there are extenuating circumstance for the absence. I also have a duty to inform Staffordshire Local Authority who may issue a Penalty Notice if you take an unauthorised leave of absence.

The Penalty Notice is for £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days and £120 per parent, per child if paid after this date but within 28 days.

Please note that parents and carer's have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

#### **School Communication**

Should you have any concerns or comments regarding your child's health and happiness, or education, please speak to a member of staff straight away. There are several staff members available on the gate and doors first thing in the morning and you can contact your child's class teacher or myself via the school office or through Classdojo. Please be aware that staff will only check Classdojo between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. If you need to get an urgent message to school, please email the school office at <a href="mailto:office@allsaints-trysull.staffs.sch.uk">office@allsaints-trysull.staffs.sch.uk</a> or contact me directly at <a href="mailto:ldegraaff@stbartsmat.co.uk">ldegraaff@stbartsmat.co.uk</a>. Most communication will continue to be sent via email or text message so please ensure that we always have your most up-to-date contact details.

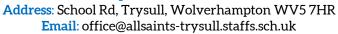
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I am really excited about the year ahead as we have already started to plan many exciting educational experiences for your children as we look to build on our already strong curriculum and develop the social and emotional needs of all of our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise de Graaff Headteacher

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