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Dear Parents, Carers

As we are nearing the completion of our first week back, we would like to thank you for following the new system for drop off and collection at the end of the school day. The children are filtering through the junior funnels and Years 1 and 2 have managed very well indeed as have our early Years children. Children adapt quickly to new routines. These critical points in the day are expected to be quick and efficient. On rainy days we will welcome children into school quickly, dispensing with lines etc. Many thanks to those parents who slightly alter arrival times by a minute or two to collect as we have noted it helps to disperse crowding more efficiently

In spite of reopening recovery, double vaccination and schools no longer participating in contact tracing etcetera, we still have guidance whereby children displaying symptoms will be sent home and parents advised to book a PCR test and invited back quickly negative test result. *In- school* contacts would be advised to take a PCR test but would not need to isolate any more unless they became symptomatic. Non- symptomatic pupils may continue to attend school until their PCR test results are known and would only then go home if positive. In the event of an outbreak (five or more positive linked cases in a group/ class etc then Public Health would be informed and would advise the school accordingly.

Unfortunately, we are without Mrs Annie Hoban (Administrative Officer) who fractured her shoulder during the holiday. School staff recruitment organisations have not been able to provide cover to date so we are pursuing other possibilities. We wish Mrs Hoban well in her recovery and I know that we will all look forward to her return. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

PE days have been set and sent out to you so you know which days your child can attend school wearing their PE kit . Please remember children cannot wear football kits in place of school uniform PE kit Swimming will now recommence next week and we are attempting to offer a limited number of catch up lessons to Year Five children in the first instance.

After school sport clubs start next week and you will be receiving letters to inform you of the opportunities

We are planning on returning to our traditional hot meals service from Monday 20th September and we need to know indicative numbers which help the catering service plan for school meals numbers. Lunchtime is divided into two sittings and it will be good to get the children back into the hall for many positive social reasons

We did ask the children not to bring large rucksacks to school as they have a habit of jamming the sliding doors on the internal cloakrooms. Thanks for helping us make the best of our classroom space

First Communion Meeting for Parents Reminder from Fr Dominic

There will be two First Communion Meetings for Parents on either Monday 13th September at 4.00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church or at St Edmund's Church on Tuesday 14th September at 6.30pm. First communion Masses will take place on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd October .Times will be confirmed shortly.

The Early Years team has written to parents in Reception about Tapestry and other matters so look out for these items tonight.

Year Five Parents look out for a Children's University letter and please complete the survey
Please remember that our focus this year will be on developing our curriculum and developing the children's **independence** at so many levels. Staff will present curriculum information via Zoom this term and dates will be set shortly. Key to the development of the children's independence will be **reading** and our staff are very aware that we will be promoting its development across the curriculum.

Swimming

The first swimmers who were due to go swimming are the Year Five children who are part of a catch- up programme. Unfortunately, transport issues arranged by Sefton Aquatics resulted in their first session being postponed to next week.

JETS After school Club

Please keep both school and JETs informed of any changes to pick up for our records. Many thanks.

We hope you have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing the children return, refreshed and ready to go again on Monday!

Yours sincerely,



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