



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

2021-2022 Newsletter 1 -10<sup>th</sup> September 2021



## Happy New School Year everyone.

Welcome back to our new school year! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some lovely time together as a family.

It has been lovely to welcome back all our pupils and parents. We have had a fantastic first week back at school. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. I have been in each class daily and have been impressed with the way the children have adapted back to a 'normal' routine while maintaining our expectations around hand hygiene etc. Their behaviour, listening and attitudes have been exemplary. I am sure we are going to have a wonderful year! Please talk to your children regularly about being good ambassadors for their family and school.

## Prayer for the new school year

Dear Lord,

I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and my new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my learning and the courage to persevere.

Help me to listen to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my friends.

Inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen





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## School Uniform



It was lovely to see all of our children returning to school wearing their uniform with pride – they looked so smart! We really appreciate your cooperation with this.

Just a reminder that on PE days children must wear a plain navy tracksuit with their PE shirt and shorts underneath and plain black trainers.



## Covid Update

As you are aware we are following the Department of Education (DFE) guidelines relating to Covid-19. We are ensuring that the classrooms remain well ventilated and are still ensuring that the pupils wash and sanitise their hands regularly. Pupils are no longer in bubbles and are enjoying being able to move more freely at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

**When should my child self-isolate or miss school?**



**NO**

- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a close contact has Covid.
- Instead, they will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school while waiting for the result so long as they have no symptoms and once a negative the test result is received.



**YES**

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PRC test, NOT a Lateral Flow Test (LFT).
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated but instead should book a PRC test.



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## Attendance and Punctuality

There is a clear link between attendance and attainment. The more time a pupil spends in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

Attendance is everything for a successful school year.



I would like to thank all of our parents who have sent their children to school on time every day this week. Please remember that full attendance is expected wherever possible. Children need to be in school on time every day to reach their full potential especially after the national lockdowns over the last two academic years.

<i>Your child's Attendance Percentage</i>	<i>Number of days missed in one year</i>	<i>Number of weeks missed in one year</i>	<i>Learning your child would miss over a 5 year school career</i>
<b>100%</b>	<b>0 days</b>	<b>0 weeks</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>97%</b> <b>School Target</b>	<b>6 days</b>	<b>1.2 week</b>	<b>½ term</b>
95%	9 days	1.8 weeks	¾ term
93%	13 days	2.6 weeks	Over 1 term
<b>90%</b> Child classed as Persistent Absentee	<b>19 days</b>	<b>3.8 weeks</b>	<b>1 ½ terms</b>
85%	28 days	5.6 weeks	Over 2 ½ terms
80%	38 days	7.6 weeks	1 whole year

**Our school target is 97% and above.**



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## Weekly Class Attendance Award

This will begin next week for classes Y1 to Y6 and our two Reception classes the week after.

## Sickness and absence

Just to remind everyone that if your child is absent, you will need to ring the school office before 10am on the first morning of the absence.

## Medical appointments

Please arrange medical and dental appointments outside school time unless in the case of an emergency. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Holidays

Due to Government law, holidays are no longer authorised. **As a school, we have personalised our school calendar so our term dates differ from the Leeds City Council school calendar.** Please see the holiday dates for this year to support any arrangements you may need to make.

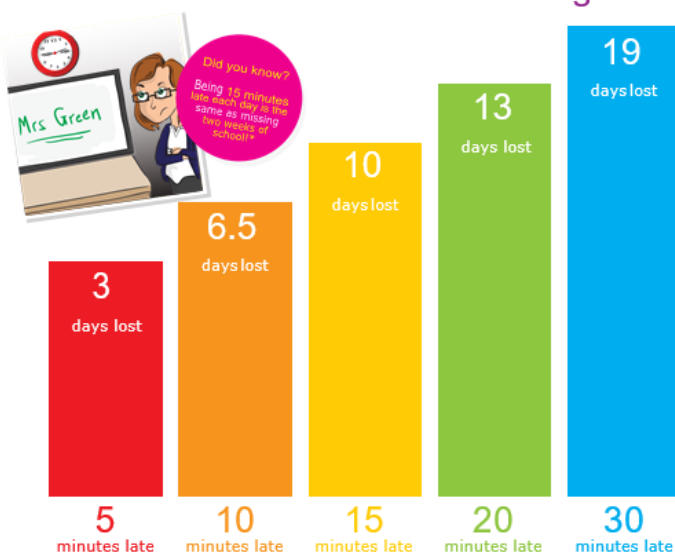
<https://www.corpusprimaryleeds.org/parents/schoolcalendar>

Exceptional leave forms must be completed if any absence is required for exceptional circumstances.

## Punctuality

Every school day counts but every minute is equally important!

### Lost minutes = Lost learning



Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn once the doors open. Being late doesn't only affect your child, it disrupts other children in the class as well as the teachers trying to teach a lesson.



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## Healthy Living

Please remember to pack your child a healthy lunchbox.

Also remember that only water should be sent into school in your child's drinking bottle.



## Contact details



If any of your contact details have changed including mobile numbers, addresses, land-line

Numbers, you **MUST** inform the school office. This also includes contact details of any other family members you have given us if you cannot be contacted. Please ensure we have accurate information regarding named persons who can collect your child from school.



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## Good news

Samuel from Year 6 received two tickets for Sunday's Premier League match between Leeds United and Liverpool at Elland Road in recognition of his wonderful behaviour and conduct during the Leeds United summer camps. Matthew from the Leeds United Foundation presented Samuel with the tickets. Well done Samuel- thank you for being such a fantastic ambassador of our school!



## Safeguarding



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone in our school community. Our staff had their annual update this week. I would like to remind all of you that the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are myself, Mr Doyle, Miss Horkan, Mrs Currie and Mrs Collins and if you have any concerns or worried about any pupil you should bring them to our attention as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support

Take care

Mrs Walsh and the team at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary