



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

2024- 2025 Newsletter 1 (3rd-6th September 2024)

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children and parents back to school this week for the new school year. The new school year is filled with promises, excitement and hope. Our school family is together once more and we can begin the new journey, side by side, following in Jesus's footsteps as we go.

We have had a fantastic first week back at school. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. They have come back into school with such a positive attitude and happy to be back into school -seeing their friends again and settling back into school routines. 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 the importance of following the school rules and being good ambassadors for their family and school.

back2school prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to **see** new friends.

Open my ears to **hear** my teacher.

Open my mind to **learn** new things.

Let my heart **remember** YOU are near
when I'm afraid.

Help me to **love** others like you do.

I want to **shine** your light so bright in my school."
Amen.



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Catholic Life of our School

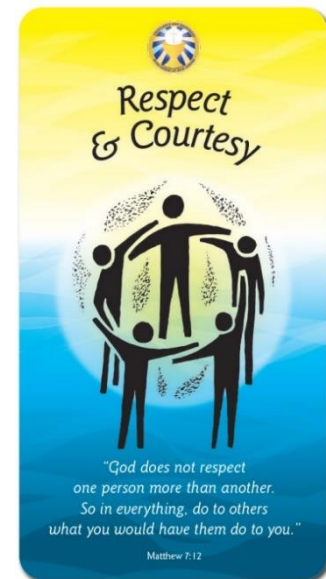


Virtues to Live By

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

Our 'Virtues to Live by' **Respect** and **Courtesy**.

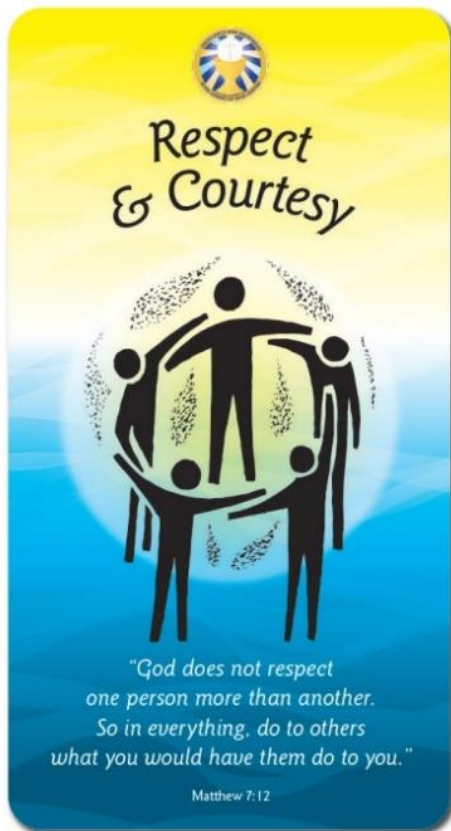
Our 'Virtues to Live By' for the Autumn term are **Respect** and **Courtesy**, Thankfulness, Hope, and Patience. As a school, we endeavour to ensure that all our children show respect for everyone (others- children and adults) and everything (property) by regularly reminding the children of the virtues that underpin every action. For the first few weeks, we will be focusing on the school's Code of Conduct and the virtues of **Respect** and **Courtesy**.



In school, we will continue to support you by reminding your child to say please, thank you, excuse me and to call a person by their name i.e. Mr, Mrs. Miss. Also, to be patient when adults or other children are talking, to learn to wait, to stand back to let someone pass, to hold the door and to offer to help. We will be using the Golden Rule of 'Treat others the way you want to be treated' to reinforce our Respect and Courtesy virtues. We will be letting you know as soon as possible this term if your child needs reminding about how to treat others as they would like to be treated themselves.

Mission- our faith in action

Each week we send the children out with a 'mission' to actively live out their faith in their everyday lives.



Our whole school Collective worship on Friday was based on our virtues of '**Respect and Courtesy**' which also link with our school rules.

We listened to the Gospel reading,

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12)

and thought about what this means in our daily lives at school, at home and in our community.

We spoke about '**The Golden Rule**' which

means we "treat people the way we would like to be treated ourselves".

It's **golden** because it's so valuable, and a way of living our life that's so simple, it shines for everyone to see.



In the week ahead, let us follow '**The Golden Rule**'.

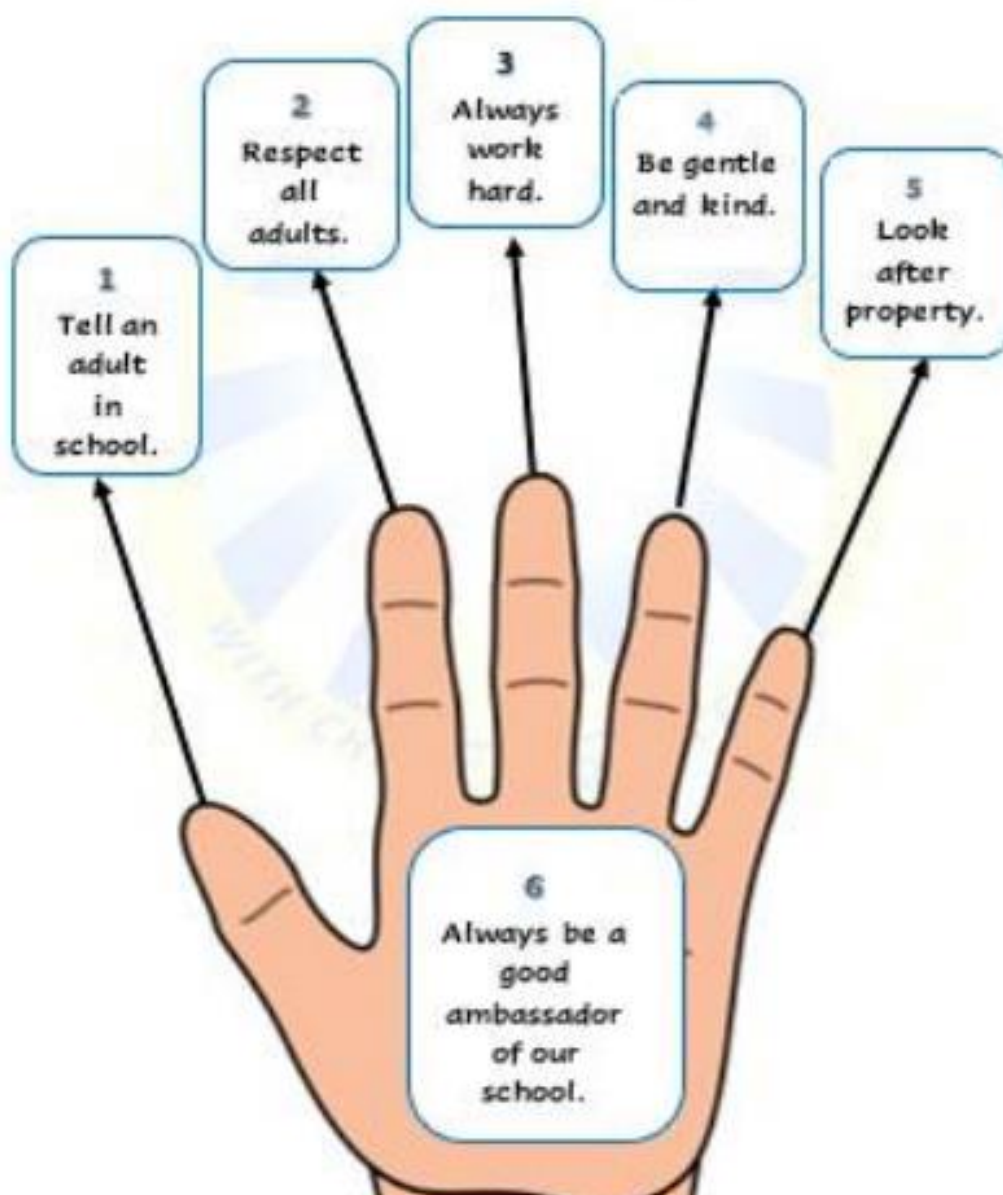


School Code of Conduct

At Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, we provide an environment which gives positive messages about our expectations and values to establish and maintain high standards of behaviour. As a result, we expect our pupils to behave well in school and do as they are asked. We have a code of conduct of six rules which were developed with the children.



Code of Conduct



School Uniform

It was lovely to see all of our children returning to school wearing their uniform with pride – they looked so smart! Children should wear suitable school plain black shoes. If children wear laces, they must be able to tie them in a double knot independently. Please check regularly that names have not faded following washing. We stress the need to label your child's uniform so as to reduce the amount of lost property across the school and to prevent additional cost to parents and carers. A lost item of clothing is difficult to locate when not labelled. Please make sure that all your child's clothes and belongings are named and checked regularly that they can be read. We really appreciate your cooperation with this. Thank you.



PE

On PE days children must wear a plain navy tracksuit with their white PE shirt and shorts underneath and plain black trainers. Please ensure this is only on the days your child has PE.



Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn. A child with pierced ears may wear one pair of studs which must be removed by the child for PE.

Hair Styles Hair styles should be neat and tidy and not attention seeking or extreme such as dyed hair, hair extensions or shaved designs in hair. Long hair should be tied back.

For further details, please see the school uniform policy

<https://www.corpusprimaryleeds.org/parents/virtual-office>

Attendance and Punctuality

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Children learn new things at school every day. **Every moment in school counts** in school makes a difference and days missed add up quickly. 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.



Our school target is 96.5% and above which means a maximum of 6 days absence per school year.

<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>
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0
97% School Target	6 days	1.2 week	½ term
95%	9 days	1.8 weeks	¾ term
93%	13 days	2.6 weeks	Over 1 term
90% Child classed as Persistent Absentee	19 days	3.8 weeks	1 ½ terms
85%	28 days	5.6 weeks	Over 2 ½ terms
80%	38 days	7.6 weeks	1 whole year

Please make a concerted effort to bring your child to school every day. Thank you



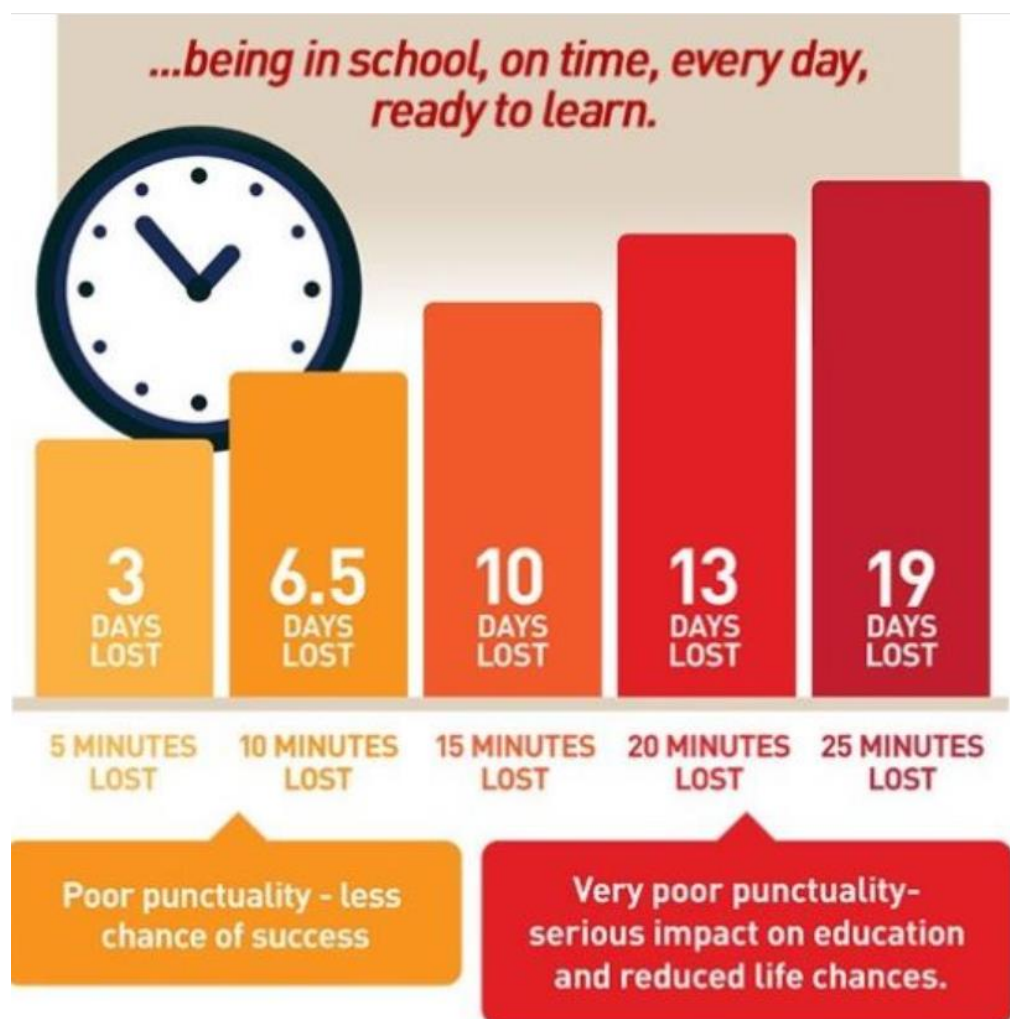
Punctuality

Every school day counts but every minute is equally important!



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

Please be aware that arriving late after the register closes (more than 30 minutes late) will count as an absence.



Polite reminders about absences, appointments and holidays

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning.

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 32.5 hours of learning.

This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential.

Sickness and absence

Please remember that if your child is absent, you will need to ring the school office before **9.30am** on the first morning of the absence.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (Including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

Holidays

Due to Government law, holidays in term time are no longer authorised.

Before requesting any exceptional leave during term time, the appropriate forms must be completed and submitted to the school office. Parents/carers will be notified of the decision.

As a school we have personalised our school calendar, our term dates differ from the Leeds City Council school calendar for Easter and the summer mid-term holiday. Please see the holiday dates for this year to support any arrangements you may need to make and ensure family members who may book holidays also have a copy of our school calendar so that they do not book holidays on your behalf during term time.

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

Term dates

School calendar academic year 2024-2025

Term/Holiday	School opens	School closes
Autumn Term 1	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
Autumn mid-term	Saturday 26 th October 2024	Sunday 3 rd November 2024
Autumn Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024	1pm on Friday 20th December 2024
Christmas break	Saturday 21 st December 2024	Sunday 5 th January 2025
Spring Term 1	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring mid-term	Saturday 15 th February 2025	Sunday 23 rd February 2025
Spring Term 2	Monday 24 th February 2025	1pm on FRIDAY 11th APRIL 2025
Easter break	SATURDAY 12th APRIL 2025	MONDAY 21st April 2025
Summer Term 1	TUESDAY 22nd April 2025	Friday 2 nd May 2025
	May Bank Holiday Saturday 3 rd May 2025	Monday 5 th May 2025
	Tuesday 6 th May 2025	1pm on FRIDAY 23rd MAY 2025
Summer mid-term	SATURDAY 24th MAY 2025	SUNDAY 8th JUNE 2025
	Thursday 5th /Friday 6th June Training Day	
Summer Term 2	MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025	1pm on Friday 18th July 2025
Summer break	Saturday 19 th July 2025	Sunday 31 st August 2025

Training Days (School closed for children)	
Training Day 1	Monday 2nd September 2024
Training Day 2	TBC
Training Day 3	Friday 4th July 2025
Training Day 4	Monday 21st July 2025
Training Day 5	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Important update – changes to education related penalty notices

The Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes came into effect on 19 August 2024 and so are applicable in the 2024/2025 academic year. As a school, we pride ourselves on the support we offer to both our pupils and their families and our aim is always to work together to improve attendance. However, it is important that parents appreciate that these changes have been made by government and that every school will need to comply with these legal interventions where parents are not ensuring regular attendance at school.

The changes to be aware of are:

- **Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024** will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. An increase of £40. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
 - Any **second penalty notice** issued to the **same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period** will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no discount.
 - **The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered has been standardised to 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. Please be aware that this may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes (more than 30 minutes late), being absent without good reason, the school not being informed of the absence, taking holidays in term time or a combination of all of the above. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.**
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution). If a prosecution is upheld, parents will have a criminal record. This would need to be disclosed during any interview processes and could discount candidates from successfully securing job opportunities for which they are otherwise qualified.

If you require support with your child's attendance, please contact school as a matter of urgency.

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 named contacts can answer their telephone during the school day. Also please ensure we have accurate information regarding named persons who can collect your child from 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 and Mrs Collins and if you have any concerns or are worried about any pupil you should bring them to our attention as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend and best wishes
for the week ahead.

Take care and God Bless.

From Mrs Walsh and the team at Corpus
Christi Catholic Primary