

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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## **Academic Year 2023-24 - Welcome Back!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer would like to wish you a warm welcome back to our school family of SS John and Monica's and a new academic year.

The first school newsletter will be issued on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, but there are a few reminders to take note of before then.

- School opening and closing times have now change to the following:
  - School start 8.50am (gates open 8.40am)
  - School ends 3.20pm (gates open 3.10pm)
- Summer Uniform may be worn until October half term

### **School Attendance**

The government are very concerned about national attendance levels in schools, specifically the decline in attendance and rise in unauthorised absence that has occurred post- covid. The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to a full-time education and it is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives this education. Last year our whole attendance was 93% (National 94%). This figure is well below pre-covid figures of 97%.

School supports families who struggle with attendance and punctuality, through our 'Early Help' offer, but please be aware, several families were prosecuted by the Local Authority through the Fast-Track to Attendance scheme last year.

School Attendance and Punctuality Policy is continually being reviewed and there will be further positive initiatives this year to encourage good attendance.

If you need some 'Early Help' support regarding attendance and punctuality, please speak to myself or Mr. Ullah.

We look forward to a positive and productive year and thank you for your continued support to our school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mrs. M. Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher