



Friday 25th September 2020

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2020		Fri 23rd Oct Training Day School Closed	Mon 2nd Nov	Fri 18th Dec – 2pm
Spring 2020	Mon 4th Jan Training Day – School Closed. School Opens Tues 5th Jan	Fri 12th Feb	Mon 22nd Feb	Thurs 1st April – 2pm
Summer 2020	Mon 19th April Training day – School Closed. School opens Tues 20th April	Fri 28th May Training Day School Closed	Mon 7th June	Wed 21st July – 2pm

Covid-19 Update

As and when we have updates, we have been sending them through to parents. The following are things to report:

- Whole School Risk Assessments are available on the school website
- With the cold and flu season on its way, the table below outlines symptoms that can be observed if a person has a cold, flu, allergies or Covid-19. At the minute, there seems to be quite a few children who are suffering from cold like symptoms i.e. stuffy/runny nose and a productive/phlegmy/wet cough, but no temperature. In this case, children should attend school as normal. Parents should monitor symptoms and follow government guidelines [Here](#) if they feel that their child develops what could be Coronavirus symptoms. Close monitoring would be particularly important if another member of the household had tested positive for Covid-19
- The following classes return to school on Monday 28th Sept: Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

NB: Please ensure that all recent email/letter correspondence has been read before your child returns to school. Thank you.

A REMINDER THAT ALL PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR A MASK WHEN ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS (unless they have a medical exemption which should be communicated to school in advance)

SYMPTOMS	CORONAVIRUS	COLD	FLU
FEVER	COMMON	RARE	COMMON
FATIGUE	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES	COMMON
COUGH	COMMON (USUALLY DRY)	MILD	COMMON (USUALLY DRY)
SNEEZING	NO	COMMON	NO
ACHES AND PAINS	SOMETIMES	COMMON	COMMON
RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE	RARE	COMMON	SOMETIMES
SORE THROAT	SOMETIMES	COMMON	SOMETIMES
DIARRHOEA	RARE	NO	SOMETIMES (FOR CHILDREN)
HEADACHES	SOMETIMES	RARE	COMMON
SHORTNESS OF BREATH	SOMETIMES	NO	NO

Useful recent government guidance links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/birmingham-sandwell-and-solihull-local-restrictions>
- https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-to-prevent-spread-of-coronavirus-indoors-this-winter?utm_source=10%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20E-mail%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19



Breakfast Club

This will start Wk. Beg 28th Sept. Please complete the booking form sent and return to the school office. Please note, places are limited and awarded on a first come first served

School Money

There have been a few issues recently with our cashless system 'School Money' with regards to typing in amounts for School fund, Mrs Jena's Retirement Collection. These



School Food

School Meals - As per letter issued on Wednesday, we are making changes to lunchtime arrangement for next week. Children will eat a cold lunch in the hall in their year group 'Bubbles,' as opposed to their classrooms. This change will allow any issues to be ironed out before hot lunches resume the following week (now 5th Oct)

Toast (Y3-Y6) - An email was sent out informing parents of the arrangements for ordering toast using our cashless system <https://eduspot.co.uk/>. This service will be up and running for next week

Fruit – If any KS2 child wishes to bring into school a piece of fruit for break time they may do so (KS1 given fruit under government's 'Free Fruit Scheme').

School Fund and School Building Maintenance Fund

We ask our families for a voluntary £5.00 (per family) per year contribution towards school fund. This year this money was used to purchase a range of resources, to enhance learning and the school environment. In addition to school fund, we ask our families to contribute a small voluntary donation (£5.00 per family) towards our school maintenance building fund. Last year's funds went towards a variety of school improvements such as new flooring in Rec/KS1 and replacement windows Thank you in advance for your support for our school. Payments can be made online via School Money <https://eduspot.co.uk/>.



Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2021 you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_secondary_school_year_7_place before 31st Oct 2020.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College

Bishop Challoner Catholic College are holding a virtual Open Evening on Wednesday 16th Sept at 6.00pm. Please visit <https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/> for further details. Supplementary booklets will also be issued to pupils in Y6.

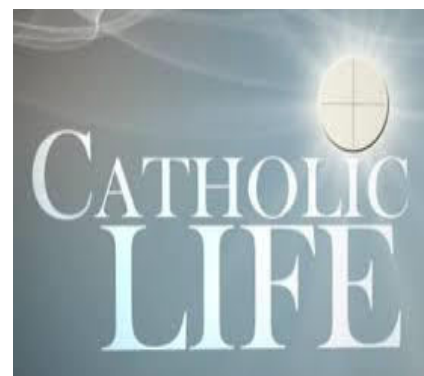
Catholic Life

- **Wednesday Word**

Please see the link for this week's *Wednesday Word* below:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4.4>

- Please follow the link below for the TenTen parent's RE newsletter. This will provide parents with options to interactively engage with the prayers and the teaching provided through the Collective Worship programme <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>



Local News and Events

- We're pleased to be able to send you the Sep/Oct Families Birmingham Magazine. It is full of resources and ideas to help you and your family through the autumn term and to keep your children entertained, busy and productive. You can read the magazine [Here](#)
- Please find attachments regarding signing up for Family Learning Courses and Hall Green Family Support network.

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together". (African proverb)

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