



ST. URSULA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Diocese of Brentwood

*With God at the heart of our St Ursula's family,
we welcome all as we learn and grow together*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of a new academic year to those returning as well as those new to the school. A particularly warm welcome to our new children and parents in our Nursery and Reception classes in EYFS. As always, it was wonderful to welcome back all of our pupils - they have settled extremely well in their new classrooms and have been engaged in their learning.

News Bulletin and Monthly Newsletter

We understand that at times it can be difficult for Parents and Carers to keep up with letters and messages being sent by the school, particularly if you have multiple children in different year groups. Therefore, we have been considering how we can improve our communication with parents so that it is not so overwhelming and more manageable. This Year we will be introducing the 'Weekly News Bulletin'

Every Friday we will be emailing Parents and Carers our new 'Weekly News Bulletin', which includes the latest news, calendar information for the coming week and any important messages from Year group teachers. Rather than receiving several letters throughout the week, this information will be consolidated into one document.

There will be times where separate letters will need to be sent, such as when we need parent responses or the information being shared is lengthy; however, we hope this new procedure will significantly reduce the number of messages you receive. For this to work effectively it is important that this bulletin is read by parents and carers.

A monthly Headteachers newsletter will be sent out at the end of each month, celebrating the learning taking place and sharing pupil achievements.

Important Dates

To support parents and carers in planning their visits to the school, we will be sharing our dates for the whole of the academic year rather than sharing these termly. These dates have been attached to this letter. We hope that by providing these important dates early, you will be able to make work/childcare arrangements that will allow you to attend our events. Any changes or additions will be updated on the calendar on the School Website:

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/calendar>

Major works

I am pleased to announce that the second phase of our major works will be completed this year. These works include:

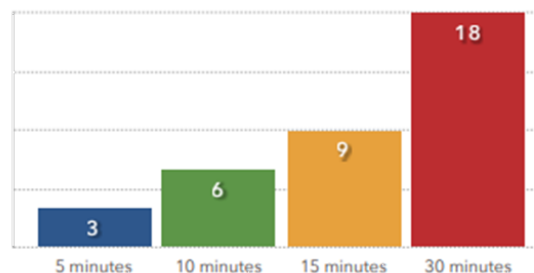
- New perimeter fence for the school field.
- New Key Stage 2 Playground fence.
- New Key Stage 1 Playground gate.
- New Key Stage 2 Steps.

The new fencing will provide better security once completed and an additional gate on the Key Stage 1 playground will support the flow of parents and children at the start and end of the day. Our Key Stage 2 steps are being

widened to 4 rows to support a safer and smoother release at the end of the school day. The works taking place shouldn't disrupt the teaching and learning taking place but may require us to change the drop-off and end of day arrangements– plenty of notice will be given.

Attendance and Punctuality

As well as coming to school every day, it's important that children arrive on time too. Check out the chart to see how many days of learning a year can be lost if a child is late regularly:



Uniform

We expect all children to be well dressed in our smart uniform. This includes smart haircuts and appropriate hair accessories. Uniform plays an important role in establishing the ethos of the school and we know that it instils a sense of pride that promotes more effective teaching and learning. It also ensures the health and safety of students is protected. Jewellery is not allowed, this includes earrings. Long hair should be tied up (both girls and boys). Hair accessories should be red, white, black or grey and be discreet. If your child has recently had their ears pierced then plastic retainers must be worn instead of earrings. These can be purchased from the school office.

Autumn Term 1	Summer or Winter Uniform (Children should not wear a combination of uniforms i.e. Summer dress with Winter tights)
Autumn Term 2	Winter Uniform
Spring 1	Winter Uniform
Spring 2	Winter or Summer Uniform (Children should not wear a combination of uniforms i.e. Summer dress with Winter tights)
Summer 1	Summer Uniform
Summer 2	Summer uniform
The dates above are weather-dependant and at the Headteacher's discretion. Therefore, exceptions will be made in the event of adverse weather i.e. if it is a particularly cold Autumn 1, all children will be asked to wear Winter uniform. https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/join-st-ursulas/school-uniform	

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Ashburn

Headteacher