

Wednesday 8th September

Dear Parents/Carers

It is absolutely wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to a normal (ish) routine. It has been a real joy visiting the classrooms and seeing all the smiling faces. We are all overjoyed about being back at school.

Many of us have forgotten 'normal' but we will soon get back into the old routine. There is no longer a requirement to line up outside school; children can arrive anytime from 8.45am and go into class ready for the start of the day at 8.55am. The only difference is that children in Nursery and Reception use the main car park entrance. Children in Year 1-6 can make their own way into class.

A reminder that the car park will be closed from 8.30 as the entrance will be used; please park considerately.

This term school will gradually open up and over the course of the next few weeks clubs will start once more and more events will be added. All events are added to the school calendar and I ask you regularly check for updates. The calendar can be accessed here - <https://www.st-hughlincoln.trafford.sch.uk/calendar>. Previously we would have a long list of events but as we assess the local situation and react to guidance some will be missing for now. For example class mass and assemblies for parents and carers will not start until after October half term. In addition we will not be holding our traditional 'welcome meetings' but the teachers will be sending out packs of information over the next week. In the meantime please do not hesitate should you have any questions; we are always available.

The first major event of the school year is for the children in Year 4 (Year 3 from last year) who are to make their Sacraments. The first meeting is this Sunday. The programme for the children in Year 3 this year will be announced after Christmas.

Today we officially welcome Miss Dineen and Miss McNicholas who will be teaching in Year 4/5 and 3 this year. I am sure you will join me in sending out a warm welcome to them both.

We are once again serving hot lunches in school. For children in Reception to Year 2 these are free and for everyone else the cost this term will be £79.20 or £12 per week if you prefer. All payments are made electronically through ParentPay.

The rules and regulations around COVID have changed considerably, so to help I have prepared a frequently asked questions letter that is on the school website on the letters page. We will get there!

Yours sincerely



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