



ST. DOMINIC'S  
PRIORY SCHOOL

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents

What a wonderful first week back we have had and how fantastic it has been having all of our children back at school with everyone settling back into school life.

We have monitored all the areas of change this week and we would like to make a few tweaks in certain areas, so please note the following:

### **Drop off and Pick up**

Thank you for your cooperation this week with regards to drop off and collection on the car park. Your assistance and patience has greatly enhanced the flow and safety. The children have been wonderful getting used to these new systems and waiting patiently: we are so proud of them. We would like to take this opportunity to refine the system and recap the procedure.

- **EYFS/ KS1 Morning drop off**

On arrival please park in the bottom bays nearest the building (priority parking). We ask that one adult gets out of the car to help their child with seatbelts, doors and belongings. Please wait by your car until a member of staff is free to safely receive your child. We would ask that you adhere to the 2 metre rule and maintain social distancing where possible with other parents and our staff.

- **EYFS/KS1 Afternoon collection**

Please park in the bottom bays (priority parking) and stand by your car. Wait for your child to approach with a member of staff, in order to safely help them into your car for the onward journey. We would ask that you leave as quickly as possible to vacate spaces for other parents. Staff will endeavour to make this process as swift as possible whilst still being available to communicate quick messages.

Please remain in the priority parking section if you are collecting another child from a different key stage.

In the event of bad weather, you may stay in your vehicle until a member of staff approaches but we ask that you still get out to help with your child please.

- **KS2**

If you have a child in both KS2 and Seniors could you please arrive on the car park at the later time of 3.30pm so that valuable spaces are not taken on the car park during KS2 pick up. Thank you. We will keep your younger child safe with us until the later time.

- **Seniors**

Thank you for your cooperation in dropping your child off outside school; this has helped considerably in alleviating the congestion on the car park. If you do need to park at school can you please arrive no earlier than 3.30pm to ensure spaces are available for the prep school.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Given the new government guidance on gatherings as of Monday, we are now unable to invite parents into school to attend any parents' evening for the foreseeable future. Both P6 and Y11 were scheduled to have their parents' evening this coming Monday, therefore we have organised that staff will email Y11 parents on



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Monday, with the offer of a follow up Teams video meeting or phone call, at some point over the week. Mrs Talbot will do the same for P6.

### **Tea Club/ Homework Club**

Please ensure your child is booked in for the week using the booking form (attached).

### **Snacks/Lunches**

A polite reminder that we are a healthy, NUT FREE school. We have children in school with nut allergies and any food consumed on the premises must be nut free.

The school lunch menu is attached for next week.

We are continuing to review our offering of school lunches for senior students and we will review this next week. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

### **Extra equipment required**

All prep and senior students need to bring a reading book into school each day.

It would be extremely helpful if KS2 and senior students could bring in headphones from Monday. Usually these would be shared in school but due to Covid-19 this is no longer possible.

### **PE kit**

Clive Mark have now confirmed that they have branded St. Dominic's tracksuit pants available to buy on their website. As students have been asked to come into school wearing their PE kit on the days they are timetabled to have PE, could we please ask that they come into school in plain navy or black tracksuits and hoodies in the interim.

### **Senior Uniform Code**

Many thanks to all the parents who have supported the school uniform policy. Could we please ask that all students are in correct uniform, including addressing any inappropriate hair colour and prohibited items of jewellery etc. by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

- Hair must be tidy, away from the face; tied up and back if it is long enough to do so
- All small hair fastenings must be navy or black
- No extreme hairstyles or dyed hair permitted
- Skirts must not be rolled up or shortened
- Refrain from wearing make-up
- Nails must be kept short. No false nails or nail varnish is allowed
- No body piercing is allowed other than one stud in each earlobe
- Tattoos are not allowed
- One plain, flush ring may be worn
- No bracelets allowed, including friendship or charity bands
- Smartwatches/Fitbits are not allowed