

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you again to our St Gregory's family and thank you for entrusting your child in our care. The children had a fantastic first full week at school and we are so impressed with how quickly they have settled in.

We would like to communicate a few notices as we reflect on the first week of school.

# PE Kit

Our PE day is on a Tuesday and your child should come into school wearing their PE kit please. They will stay in their kit all day. PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, plain black bottoms (shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms), socks, trainers or plimsolls. Please ensure no brands or logos are on the PE kit.

# Naming uniform

Please ensure all uniform items, including coats, are clearly labelled with your child's name. The children are learning how to be independent and we are encouraging them to put their jumper or cardigan in their drawer if they take it off. However, items do sometimes go missing and as much as we try, we can't always ensure your child places them in their drawer. Please ensure items are named so we can quickly return missing items back to the child.

# <u>Toileting</u>

Sometimes children have accidents – please do not worry if your child does. Sometimes, they are so engaged in play that they simply forget to go to the toilet. The children can go to the toilet whenever they need to, including lesson times, and we remind children to go throughout the day. Please ensure your child knows that they can ask an adult if they need help with any toileting issues. We ask that if your child is prone to toileting accidents to please have a spare change of clothes in a carrier bag on their peg. Thank you.

## **Tapestry**

We will hold a Tapestry information evening this term for all parents to attend, to learn about how to access your child's learning journal. We will send a separate e-mail with details on this.

## <u>Snack</u>

We provide the children with fruit and squash/water/milk (unless allergic) every morning. Please speak to us about any allergies your child has, if you have not done so already.

# Parent Mail and School Lunches

If you are not signed up to Parent Mail yet, please contact the school office. Most of our

letters are sent on here electronically and important notices. If you would like to order your child a school packed lunch (Every child in Foundation Stage is entitled to this, free of charge), please also contact the school office to set up your account.

# **Behaviour Policy**

In Foundation Stage, we use a behaviour system involving a visual sunshine to highlight both positive and unacceptable behaviour. Each child starts their day on the sunshine and they are only placed on the cloud (Step 2) for misbehaviour. The children are given a warning before being placed on the cloud which enables them with the opportunity to reflect on their behaviour choice to support them to remain on the sunshine. Children are rewarded in many ways including having their own house point chart, prizes, praise postcards and Star of the week. If there is an incident we need to report to you, we would normally write in their home school planner which we will be giving out this week. Face to face conversations aren't always possible, particularly during these times. The time in to reflect could be time out from independent learning (play) or 5 minutes of lunch time. The very last step, step 5, is when the Headteacher or another member of SLT spend time with the child outside of the classroom. I have attached a picture of our behaviour steps which we refer to with the children.



# <u>Curriculum</u>

If you have any further questions or information that you need, please don't hesitate to ask us. Thank you for all of your support so far.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Finch