



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## A HAPPY, BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

My first letter of 2021 comes with my very best wishes for a wonderful new year for all of you. I trust that you have all had a chance to relax, reflect and enjoy the company and love of your families over the Christmas holiday period. On behalf of all the team at St Gregory's, I would like to thank you for your kind words and generosity over Christmas – it was truly appreciated by all of us. Thank you very much!

As we start the year, still in challenging times, our school continues to follow rigorous COVID adaptations, let us not become complacent and be mindful that we all contribute to keeping everyone safe. As a reminder I have listed the timings again for drop off and collections. It is paramount that we all keep to these. **As an addition I kindly request that in the interests of everyone, please can adults entering the school site at collection times, please wear a face covering.**

### Staggered drop off and pick up times- Reminder:

Drop off times	Please keep to the staggered times and do not arrive early	
8.45am	Foundation Stage Years 1 and 2 Years 5 and 6	Via Class gates Via Class gates Through adventure playground gate
8.55am	Year 3 Year 4	Through adventure playground gate Through playground gate straight to class
Important Notice	In the mornings, please remember, only Nursery and Reception parents should be accessing the school site on foot.	

Pick up times	Please keep to the staggered times and do not arrive early	
3.05pm	Foundation Stage Years 1 and 2	Pick up from class and follow the one way route to exit.
3.15pm	Years 3-6	Pick up from class and follow the one way route to exit.
Parents are encouraged to wear a face covering when entering the site.		

### Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell

It is absolutely essential that no pupil comes into school if they are unwell, have any symptoms of COVID or have been in contact with anyone who has had COVID19. This is the single most important factor in minimising the spreading of the disease. Anyone disregarding this is putting the whole community at significant additional risk – hence we need all parents

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to monitor their children carefully and keep them at home when they display any symptoms including a raised temperature

**The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:**

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child demonstrates COVID symptoms, in addition to keeping them at home and letting the school know, you must book a test immediately by either calling NHS helpline on 119 or by the NHS website. If anyone in your household demonstrates COVID symptoms, you must also keep your child at home and let the school know.

**Our School Community:**



We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Welsh who is returning to school following maternity leave. Mrs Welsh will be joining our Reception class team.

I am also now delighted to be able to share with you a leadership update. From the start of this term Mrs Blincow, who has been the Deputy Head of St Mary's, will be joining Miss Marum and I as part of our new Executive Leadership Team. Therefore, as of January 2021, Miss Marum will be an Executive Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Blincow, an Executive Deputy Headteacher and together we will share our leadership strengths to benefit both St Gregory's and St Mary's. Mrs Blincow is very much looking forward to getting to know you all and being part of the team at St. Gregory's.

**Reception Class Admissions for September 2020**

(for children who reach the age of 4 between 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021):

We are delighted to say that our school is extremely popular, but we would not like any of our families to miss the deadline for applications for admission to our Reception class. If you have a child who reached or will be reaching the age of 4 between the above dates and you would like them to join our school, please ensure that your online application forms are completed before January 15th 2021. If you require any advice regarding these applications our office staff will be delighted to help.

**Uniform:**

We are really grateful to all parents for supporting our uniform code. Our school uniform can be purchased **online** from The Schoolwear shop, Abingdon Square, Northampton. Can I remind all parents to ensure that their child adheres to the following guidelines:

- White polo shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge
- **Grey** school trousers, **grey** skirt or **grey** pinafore
- Sensible flat black shoes

**PE Uniform:** Plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts and black plimsolls

Tracksuit (for winter games) and trainers

\*For children attending Hotshots Basketball sessions before school, it is required that they change into proper school uniform after the session. Children should also only wear school PE kit for these sessions.



**Term dates:**

Please keep a note of the set term dates

<b>Spring Term begins</b>	Tuesday 5th January
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>
<b>End of Spring Term</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Summer Term begins</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>End of Summer Term</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school over this academic year. Working in partnership with our parents and carers will ensure that our children receive the very best education at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.  
With very best wishes for 2021

Yours Sincerely

Mrs K. Yuen  
**Executive Headteacher**