



St Edward's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all looking forward to the summer holidays? I'm not sure how much longer the beautiful weather will continue, we need to make the most of it while we can. On behalf of myself and all the staff I would like to wish you all a relaxing and happy summer break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Monday 6th September**.

Pupil and Family Support Worker

I am delighted to announce that Miss Maria Holmes has been appointed to the position of Pupil and Family Support Worker. More details about Miss Holmes' role will follow in September.

School Uniform in September

We pride ourselves on our smart uniform, thank you to all our parents for supporting our uniform policy. Please refer to the academy's website for guidelines on requirements for school uniform and the appropriate colours required.

Could you please pay particular notice to the policy on foot wear. Please ensure that you purchase school shoes; we do not permit trainers/pump style shoes/or boots/ankle boots.

Click [here](#) for full details.

PE Kit 2021/2022

Further to discussions between staff, parents and children regarding the wearing of PE kit, we have decided to continue with our approach from this year. Therefore, PE kit will continue to be worn to school on PE days. We will let you know your child's PE days the first week back in September. This approach means that you will not have to purchase a PE kit bag. The PE uniform will be the same for every child in school, as follows:

- White polo shirt
- Trainers
- PLAIN royal blue shorts **OR** PLAIN navy blue joggers
- PLAIN navy blue hoodie

We will be much stricter on PE kit next year so please only purchase the correct colours (as above) and do not purchase clothing with logos or any added embellishments. Thank you.



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Breakfast Club

We are pleased to confirm that from September 2021 our Breakfast Club will return to a 7.45am opening. There will be a charge of £3.00 per child (which includes breakfast) with any additional siblings charged at £2.50. The club runs until 8.45am each day. Breakfast is served up until 8.20am. Children can choose from a range of cereals and toast; fresh fruit and juice is always available. After breakfast, the children can choose from a variety of activities and games. The Breakfast Club staff also work as Teaching Assistants within the school. The Club is always very well attended and enjoyed by the children who attend. As with this year, bookings are open on School Money (a week in advance, so that we can plan staffing levels) at 8.30am every Monday and will close at 4pm every Thursday. Please email the school office if you have any issues booking during these times.

Term Dates

School will reopen on **Monday 6th September** for Years 1-6. It will open on Monday 13th September for our Reception Class and Nursery.

In addition to the term dates already set, we need to add two further dates. For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee an additional bank holiday has been added nationally. As the school is already on half term break at this time we have decided to take our day on **6th December**. The school will therefore be closed to all staff and pupils on this day.

We have also been informed by our Trust, St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, that we need to allocate an additional INSET Training day this coming year. This is the same for all schools within our Trust. We have therefore allocated **2nd December**. I understand that this is not ideal for you as parents and carers however, I have put the dates together so that you are able to plan accordingly. An amended list of term dates will be sent out shortly.

School Start and Finish Times

In September, we will revert to our pre-COVID school opening times. This means that gates will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. We will, however, continue to use the multiple gate system we are using at present, which is as follows: -

- Y1 – Gate on Newhall Road (the same gate Reception and Y1 have used this year)
- Y2 – Down the front ramp, by the school office
- Y3 & Y4 – Top Ramp, through Church car park, by the shrine
- Y5 & Y6 - Double gates, down the front ramp, by the kitchen

At the end of the day, Reception and Year 1 will finish at 3.10pm. All other year groups will finish at 3.15pm. All year groups will exit via the same gate they came in and teachers will bring the children to the gate.



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Nursery Places

Nursery places are still available from September for children aged 3+. 15 hours or 30 hours provision is available. Please contact the school office for more information: office@edw.srscmat.co.uk
If you wish to add your child's name to the list for a place later in the year please also contact the office.

Farewell

It is always a sad time of year when we say farewell to our Year Six pupils. We are very privileged to have known almost all of our Year Six pupils since they joined Reception Class at St Edward's seven years ago! It has been a pleasure to watch them develop and flourish into the young adults they have become.

Thank you, to you as parents and carers, for all your support and working with us over the children's primary years. We are privileged that you have entrusted us with your children and helped them to blossom.

On behalf of the staff and pupils may we wish all our Year Six pupils every success with their future plans. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on at secondary school and beyond.

Thank you all for your continued support particularly during a very challenging year.

Kindest regards

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