



Welcome back to the new normal!

It is a delight to see all the children back in school; all the staff have said how well they have settled in and are taking many of our new routines in their stride.

Let's hope that this year is more straightforward than last year....

New Routines

Please make sure that you have all read the parent handbook which we put on the website last week; this will make everything much smoother for you and the children. We are bound to have some teething problems, and we may have to adapt and change our plans, but we will always tell you.

One of our main concerns is congestion on the school site. We have already asked that adults wear masks when dropping off and collecting as we are aware that it is not possible to maintain 2m distancing. It is important to remember that everyone has different feelings about the return to school and many may have concerns for themselves, their children and their extended families and we need to do all we can to make them feel as safe as possible.

For KS2 parents, we would ask that you use the whole of the patio area to wait if you are early as this will cut down those waiting on the pavement outside. There is clearly nothing we can do about the width of the pavement outside the school. It would also help if you are able to time your journey so that you don't have to wait for a long time outside the school.

We would ask that parents move off as quickly as possible when they have dropped/collected the children; please do not allow your children to run around the playgrounds. We ask that all children are dropped off/collected by ONE adult only. Several of you have asked about opening the gate by the memorial garden. We have decided not to do this at the moment as we need to use the space there as part of our outside provision. We are also aware that queuing there during "normal" times is already an issue when a bus is due/has arrived at the bus stop; this is a situation we must do our best to avoid.

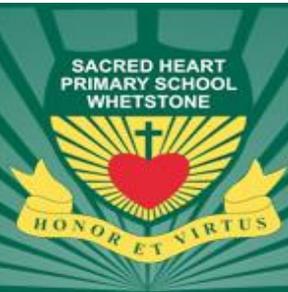
Drop off today was already more efficient, and I'm sure that it will become even more so as everyone works out how long journeys are taking now and how the new systems are working.

Meet the teachers

Usually we would invite you in for an information session about the year ahead. This year, this information will be posted on Seesaw by the end of next week.

Consultation evening

We are still looking at how best we can manage these events.



Work over the holiday

We are so grateful to the members of the PA (and their extended families and friends!) who worked over the summer to show how much they "love our school". The playground looks amazing, and The Hut at the end of the KS2 playground has now been extended to make it into a proper outside classroom; special thanks to the Centanni-Osmond, Grilli and Togher families for their work. Thank you also to all of you who contributed online last term in various ways; for the sports day, just giving page, or sponsoring Mrs Cubbidge in her half marathon!!

We have also had the roof over the cloakrooms repaired (and Mrs Vyas no longer has a leaky roof) and the server replaced. The staff are still dealing with the upgrade issues....

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

A high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back

· **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

· **A loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste** – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

It is also important that you **do not send your child to school** if somebody in your household has tested positive for, or has symptoms of, coronavirus.

As a precaution, your child must not come into school for **14 days** after coronavirus has been identified in your household, whether confirmed or unconfirmed.

Please notify the [school office](#) via [telephone and email](#) as soon as possible if your child, or somebody in your household, is showing symptoms of coronavirus and your child cannot come into school

Please don't forget to pre-order your child/children's lunch for next week



ParentMail

We use Parentmail for after school club bookings, trips and visits, permissions and any other items that we need parent/carers to approve. If you are having problems registering please contact office@sacredheart.barnetmail.net as we may not have the most up to date email address for you. Parents/Carers joining us in September will receive their registration email once their child has started school.

After school Club & Breakfast Club

After school club bookings **MUST** be made on Parentmail. If you are a new user and will be paying by Childcare vouchers, please let the office know as soon as possible. We have only released 3rd-25th September places at the moment, and we can only have 30 children per session. There will no longer be any **emergency bookings** so please ensure you book in advance. **You will be able to cancel and make changes to bookings yourselves.**

Non Stop Action run breakfast club, bookings can be made via the website www.NonStopAction.co.uk or by phone 0208 446 0006.

Parents Association

LOVE YOUR SCHOOL 2020

We truly hope that the wonderful work carried out throughout the summer holidays to make the outdoor areas a brighter place for the children has made their return to school that little bit easier. Claudia Centanni, her partner Oz, her mum Lina, Adriana Farrar and Laura Centanni have worked incredibly hard with the help of some amazing parents (and children) to make the outdoor areas a nicer place. We've filled up skips, painted fences/benches/sheds, picked up leaves and rubbish, cut down bushes and trimmed trees, scrubbed, jet-washed, created an outdoor classroom for KS1 and a million other things in between. A special thank you also to Gemma Kao who turned up day after day after day to help paint the agility area fence and also to the Grilli family for making the wooden shelter into a usable Outdoor Classroom for KS2. Thank you to everybody who took time out to help and contribute to the justgiving page which raised £700. Thank you also to Hamptons International for sponsoring the event and the families who allowed us to place a board outside their houses over the summer. Please check out our "Love Your School" poster on the Parents Association noticeboard (just beside the main gate as you enter the upper playground) for photos of some of our helpers.



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Unfortunately, we could not fit all of you on there but we really do appreciate your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We know that some of you are very eager to pass on good condition school uniform. We will be holding a school uniform sale one Sunday before the half term so please be patient and keep all uniform safe as we know there are lots of parents who will want to buy school uniform. We hope to have an exact date next week so keep an eye on forthcoming newsletters and on our "Sacred Heart Families" facebook page.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

A massive thank you to all those who brought in bags of clothes for the Bag2School initiative! An amazing £816 was raised which, together with what we collected in November 2019, means the amount the school receives will be £1088. A big thank you to Julie and Rod Lanigan (& also to Martin) who moved all bags from the shed into the Bag2School lorry!

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This year will be a strange one for the Parents Association as our usual fundraising events may need to be paused or tweaked. We cannot rest on our laurels however as the school and our children need funds now more than ever. If you have any ideas of how we can fundraise in these times and/or would like to join our team of lovely mums and a dad to help plan and run events and fundraising initiatives, please email us on "sacredheartschoolpa@gmail.com"

