



I'm sure that we are all reflecting on events this time last year; a time when we didn't know what Zoom was, which masks were the most comfortable or what were the best times to get flour and pasta from the supermarket. The world has become a very different place, but I think we all hope that there is a little more care and understanding of each other than there used to be and a realisation that the instruction to "love one another as I have loved you" has never been more relevant. The children will mark the anniversary of the first lock down with a short time of reflection.

A few reminders which are in place to minimise transmission: -

Masks

Masks should be worn on school premises by anyone over 12. This includes when dropping off for Breakfast club or collecting from afterschool clubs. Over the last 2 weeks' staff have been met with casual indifference to the rule and downright rudeness when a request was met with swearing. This is not acceptable. We have a pretty good idea of those of you who are exempt, but please don't be offended if we check.

Collecting on the playground

ONE adult should collect for each family. If you have secondary aged children as well, they should wait at the front of the school. Please leave the premises as quickly as possible once you have collected your children.

Contacting teachers

If you need to speak to the class teachers, please contact the office who will get the staff to phone you. Staff are only using Teams to set Homework which means that it could be nearly a week before they see any messages on there. Please try to avoid "catching" teachers at the end of the day as it is almost impossible to have safe, socially distanced conversation on the playground.

School Attendance

We have received the following instructions:

"pupils of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies. Only students that have a statutory reason for not attending should be absent. Schools will assess whether absence of individual pupils should be recorded as authorised or unauthorised."



From 8th March 2021 schools will only make remote learning accessible to absent students that are shielding, self-isolating or quarantining because of coronavirus in accordance with the relevant legislation or guidance published by PHE or the DHSC."

In line with our usual policy, children who are not in school because they are ill (whether this is Covid-19 related or any other illness) are not set work as they need to get better.

Packed lunches

We have been asked to provide some reminders that, as a healthy school, we ask you not to put sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches. In order to distinguish, a chocolate biscuit like a Penguin bar (other brands are available) would be acceptable, but a Twirl bar (other brands...) would not. Haribo are great, but not in a lunch box.

I would also ask you not to overload your children's lunches. We have 240 children to get through lunch in an hour, which is about 30 mins per year group. As I have said before, lunch in the school hall is a very different thing from a beautiful Spring Picnic!

For ideas as to what to put in a lunch box, this [guide](#) might be helpful.

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

You can log on Feeding Hungry Minds and order via [Feeding Hungry Minds](#)

Contact Details

Please ensure that we have the correct telephone numbers and email addresses for you in case we need to contact you urgently. It is important that any changes to your contact details are be given to the office as soon as possible so we can maintain our records.

Secondary School Destinations

Please could Y6 parents email admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net to advise which school their children will be transferring to in September. We hope that our Year 6 teachers will be able to meet with the Heads of Year 7 to pass on all relevant information.



Easter Holidays and Food Activities

Please see flyer below. It's free for children aged 5-16 years over Easter. BACE holidays is available to families in Barnet that are receiving Free Schools Meals. To register your interest visit: <https://barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays>

BARNET ACTIVE CREATIVE ENGAGING HOLIDAYS - BACE

Barnet Active Creative Engaging holidays - **BACE** is an inclusive programme for children and young people who are in receipt of free school meals. Designed to experience active and healthy activities with an emphasis on physical, emotional, and nutritional wellbeing during the school holidays.

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HEALTHY FOOD ENRICHING ACTIVITIES PHYSICAL EDUCATION NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION

Sign up at:
barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays

Dates: Easter Holidays
Ages: 5-16 years
Location: Online and venues across the Borough of Barnet

FREE

To find out about other projects that all children and young people in Barnet can access visit:
www.barnetyouth.uk





Chorister Opportunities at Westminster Cathedral School

This is open to boys in **Y2 & Y3** please see their website for more information

<http://www.choirschool.com>

After school 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 released places up to and including Tuesday 30th March. Please be aware that we can only have maximum of 30 children per session. There is no longer any **emergency bookings** so please ensure you book in advance. **You will be able to cancel and make changes to bookings yourselves.**

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 21st March: School Uniform Drop off (10am-11am)

Saturday 17th April: Second Hand Uniform (10am – 12pm)

Parents Association

Second Hand School Uniform Drop off

The car park will be open this Sunday from 10am – 11am for you to drop off any good condition Sacred Heart school uniform. Please **DO NOT** drop off any other clothing (we will do a Bag2School drop off around May time). This is a school uniform drop off only. We will be holding a Second Hand School uniform sale on the morning of Saturday 17th April for you to purchase summer uniform before the new term starts.

Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza

Thank you to all those who have already paid their entry fees and especially to the families who have agreed to have Hamptons boards outside their burrows so that our children can have lots of eggs-citing fun over the Easter holidays in their hoppity search for the eggs. No eggs-cuses! To take part, all you need to do is pay £5 to



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receive the entry form which will be sent to you on the 1st April 2021 and match the correct number to each of the 35 designs found on the Hamptons board scattered around the local area. Return the form to us on sacredheartschoolpa@gmail.com or 07917 060342 by Sunday 18th April and 3 lucky winners will be drawn from all the correct entries on Friday 23rd April. You can choose to have one entry per family or for each child to have their own entry form which will not only increase your chances of winning the Smyths vouchers but will also make more money for the school's fundraising. We cannot wait!

Raffle Prizes

We still have a number of unclaimed prizes from the Christmas Raffle. Please contact Rachel (Leo's mum 2A) on 07713 642703 to claim your prize. Any prizes unclaimed by the end of this term will be carried forward to our next raffle.

- Full family session + 3 photos at The Click Studios + pack of Stikins name labels - Mrs Z Amri
- Full family session + 3 photos at The Click Studios - Sureka
- Full family session + 3 photos at The Click Studios - Liam (5J)
- £20 voucher for Braggs - Patrick O'Connor
- £20 voucher for Braggs - Adrian Gavigan
- Pack of Stikins name labels - Danielle Hassan
- Brain Games for Clever Kids book - Niamh Donohue (3J)
- Blow-dry in the comfort of your own home with Gemma Ardani + classic games compendium - P Parks
- Bottle of Prosecco - Luke M

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