



As London heads towards tighter restrictions, it is important that we all play our part in keeping each other safe.

I am very grateful to all the parents who follow our protocols, which can be read in the parents' handbook on the website. I know that some of the routines may seem irksome, but they are all designed to minimise traffic and help you keep socially distant from each other.

This week, we have had four complaints about parking in Russell Road. Not only are parents blocking the drives of residents - and refusing to move when asked- we have been told of at least 3 near misses as parents reverse their cars parked on the pavement without looking for small children behind them. Russell Road is not wide enough for these kind of manoeuvres. I know it is frustrating that there is no right turn onto Oakleigh Park, but is that worth risking running over a small child?

In addition to this, some parents are dropping their children at the end of the road and leaving them to walk to the gate themselves. This is far too dangerous given the amount of traffic around. Please make sure you escort your child to the gate.

We have been in touch with our local Policing team and they will be carrying out spot checks.

Please help us keep all our children and our wider community safe.

### **Inset day**

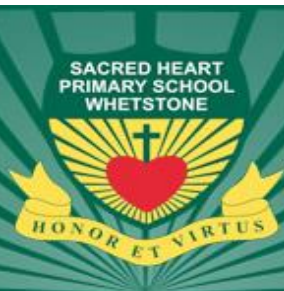
A reminder that November 2nd is an Inset day for staff training. The staff will be learning how to use Microsoft teams (if it's been authorised by Microsoft by then..) and practising with the software for parent's evening.

School reopens for children on November 3rd.

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

### **Breakfast Club**

Reminder, there is a breakfast club at school which is run by Non Stop Action, where children can be dropped off from 7.45am. They are provided with breakfast and are taken to class for the start of school. If you would like to avail of this service, please contact Non Stop Action [www.NonStopAction.co.uk](http://www.NonStopAction.co.uk) tel: 020 8446 0006



**Secondary Transfer**

Reminder, the closing date for Secondary school applications is **31 October 2020**. Applications should be made online via [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

Schools that Sacred Heart pupils transferred to September 2020

<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Finchley Catholic High	19	19	N/A
St Michaels	3	N/A	3
St Columba's	1	1	N/A
Loreto	3	N/A	1
Dame Alice Owen	1	0	1
QE Boys	1	1	N/A
QE Girls	8	N/A	8
East Barnet	7	1	6
Wren Academy	5	4	1
Ashmole Academy	3	1	2
Southgate Academy	1	0	1
Totteridge Academy	1	0	1
Ark Pioneer Academy	1	0	1
Others/Out of area	4		



## **Parents' Consultations - Autumn 2020**

Parent consultations will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. These meetings will be booked online and then **held by video meeting** rather than in-person at the school.

Appointments will be available to book **from 6pm on Friday 9th October until midnight on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. To make your appointment(s) please log-in at: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/sacredheart>

Please note that appointments are for 10 minutes and will start and finish at the times specified in your booking. On the day of your appointment you will need to re-login at the website address above. Please do this 10 minutes before your appointment is due to begin.

Our SENDCo (Mrs Vyas) will also be available for video consultations with parents on both evenings (appointments are 10 minutes). Mrs Vyas will be holding a separate video meeting event for the parents of pupils with support plans during the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November (more information will be given to these parents soon).

If you are unable to book at home, please contact the school office for help.

## **Student Information forms**

Student information forms have been emailed to parents. If you have any changes to report please send them back to us via email as soon as possible. If you have not received a form for your child/children, please contact the office as we may not have the correct email address for you.

## **After school Activities After Half Term**

Don't forget that Non Stop Action clubs are now taking bookings for after October half term!

- 4 spaces Year 1 Football
- 8 Spaces Year 2 Football
- 4 spaces Year 3 Football
- 9 Spaces Year 4 Football
- 9 Spaces Year 2 Dance/Gymnastics



If you would like your child to attend these clubs, make sure you book in plenty of time as these can only go ahead with sufficient interest. Book online at [www.NonStopAction.co.uk](http://www.NonStopAction.co.uk) - it is a brand new booking system so you will need to create a new account, even if you have booked with them before Summer. Speak to Non Stop Action directly on 020 8446 0006

### **FS 2021**

Parents/carers of siblings born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 should register their interest in a school place for FS 2021 via email [admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@sacredheart.barnetmail.net) FAO Mrs Box. Please note that the admissions policy were revised for this year which meant that Catholic applicants no longer require a certificate of catholic practice (baptism certificate still necessary though.)

### **Free School Meals**

Please remember to let us know if you think you are eligible for free school meals especially if your child has moved into KS2 (Y3-Y6) and is no longer entitled to universal free school meals. The eligibility criteria is on our website <https://www.sacredheartprimary.co.uk/1331/free-school-meals-1> Please apply even if you are in FS/KS1 at the moment as things like the FSM vouchers which ran through the lockdown are triggered by this.



**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

**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](mailto:office@sacredheart.barnetmail.net) as we may not have the most up to date email address for you.

**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. 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](http://www.NonStopAction.co.uk) or by phone 0208 446 0006.



**Dates for the Diary**

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November: Bag2School drop off (see below)

**Parents Association**

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

Thank you to all those who came to the School Uniform Sale last Sunday and/or donated uniform. We raised £102 for the school which is great. We still have some lovely Holy Communion dresses, boys' suits and shoes kindly donated by Sacred Heart Families to sell so if you are interested, please call Adriana on 07956 663316.

**BAG2SCHOOL**

Our fundraising initiative "Bag2School" for recycled clothing will take place in November so if you have any good condition second hand clothes, shoes, belts, hats, bags, sheets, duvet cover (NO duvets, pillows or cushions please), please put them in a bin bag and keep them safe (& dry) for us. You will be able to drop the bags off to the school the weekend of 14th/15th November (times to be confirmed). For every kilo received, Bag2School will donate 40p to the school which doesn't seem a lot but last year we raised £1088! They do not accept school uniform so you will need to keep this in a separate bag and keep this safe for the next uniform sale.

