

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

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Introduction

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you already, but I would just like to take this opportunity to introduce myself properly and share with you how excited I am to be the new Headteacher here at St Catherine's. It has been an enjoyable, sun-drenched (until today) first week back at school and I have been overwhelmed by how welcoming staff, pupils and parents have been.

My mission is to build on the fantastic work which has gone before and lead St Catherine's on to reach new heights. I bring with me a wealth of experience from many different schools and a passion to provide all children with the opportunities they need to be the best that they can be. When children finish their time at St Catherine's, I want them to walk out through our school doors for the final time brimming with confidence that they can go and make a difference in this world.

It has been a challenging time for everyone over the last while and it has been great to see us get back to some normality. As things improve further, we will be looking to welcome visitors and volunteers back in to the school once again. There will be exciting opportunities coming up for families and friends to work closely with us on fundraising and school improvement projects. We would love for as many people to get involved as possible and are eager to really build up our close-knit school community once again.

I look forward to the journey ahead.

Mr Croghan Headteacher

COVID Guidance

A huge thank you to everyone for following our new drop-off and pick-up routines. Now that we are picking up on the playground, the congestion on the path just outside the gates has been greatly reduced.

To further reduce the risk to our school community, from Monday 13th of September, we are asking that only one adult per family comes into the school for pick-up. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Administering Medicine in School

If you have given permission for your child to have paracetamol or antihistamine in school we are assuming that this will continue unless you contact the office to let us know otherwise.

Headteacher Award

Pupils were learning about their class saint this week and Martyna won the Headteacher award for her beautiful artwork on St Joseph.



Birthday Treats

We are currently putting plans in place for alternative ways for pupils to mark their birthdays in class. In the meantime, pupils can still bring



in birthday treats to share, but we are asking for these to be brought in two days in advance, following COVID guidance. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are a Nut Free School

We wish to remind you that we are a nut free school and that we have children in our school with nut allergies. The safety of these children is something we take extremely seriously and we ask you to support us with this by not sending in any snacks or lunch items containing nuts.

Please be advised any items containing nuts found in lunch boxes will be removed and handed to the school office for you to collect at the end of the day.



Thank you for your support on this matter.