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September 2024 Newsletter

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**Parent/School Communication**

We pride ourselves on our communication with parents and the various methods that we have. In addition to Twitter/, Parent App and Class Dojo.

**Support**

Like any other school there will be times when you have concerns about your child. If you do have any concerns the first person you need to speak to is your child’s class teacher. If you are still not happy then you can speak to Mr McCabe (Assistant Headteacher) Mrs Farrell (Deputy Headteacher) or myself, Mr Landrum (Headteacher).

Mrs Wright our Children and Family Support Worker is always available if you need any help or support. Please phone up school to speak to her. Mrs Wright works Monday – Thursday.

**Welcome to another new school year!**

We are back into the school routine and the children have settled into school so well.

I hope you were able to make many good memories with your children; they were really keen to tell the staff about what they got up to during the summer when they arrived back.

I would like to welcome our new children and their families to our school. I hope you are getting used to our school routines and environment.

As ever we have an exciting year ahead and we will ensure that your child will continue to develop socially, emotionally, and most important academically! Have a great year everyone!

Mr K. Landrum

Headteacher

**Snack**

Children are allowed to bring a piece of fruit for snack. Years 1 & 2 have fruit, so they do not need extra snack. Can I ask that children do not bring in cereal bars or crisps etc. and anything that may include nuts. Can I also encourage you to provide a healthy packed lunch for your child as well. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, and I encourage parents to take up this offer!





**Two Year Provision**

our “St Gerard’s Little Explorers” Nursery is opening on Monday 16 September. If you are interested in a place for your child or know someone who may want a place, please contact school to put your child’s names down. We are now able to supply full time places this is an extra cost of £65.00 per week.



**Uniform**

Please remember we expect children to wear black shoes and **not trainers**. If you are struggling financially with purchasing uniform please contact Mrs Wright at school and we will do our best to support you.  We have noticed an increase in children wearing earrings, these are not in line with our uniform policy.

Our school colours are purple and white.

**Boys         Girls**

Grey Trousers     Grey Skirt

White shirt and School tie     White shirt and School tie

Purple Sweatshirt with school badge     Purple Sweatshirt/Cardigan with school badge

Black Shoes (not trainers)                          Black Shoes (not trainers)

White or grey socks  White or grey socks or appropriate tights

 Grey trousers may be worn in the winter

**School uniform shops**

Boydells -7, 19 Victoria Rd, Widnes WA8 0PU Kits4all -   115 Albert Road Widnes WA8 6LB &
Laserwear - 56 Victoria Rd, Widnes WA8 7RJ 14 Lugsdale Road Widnes WA8 6DH

**PE Kits**

Please remember that children need to war the correct P.E kits on their P.E day and not their own clothes.

**Nursery**

We still have places available in our Nursery. We provide 30 funded hours FREE. If you think you or someone you know could be eligible google ‘30 hours free nursery funding’ and complete the form.

We are also providing wrap-around care at just £65 per week (if you are not eligible for the 30 free hours). Please speak to our School Office for further information.

**Secondary School Admissions**

A reminder that the deadline for applications for Secondary School is fast approaching! If you have a child in Year 6 please ensure your application is made no later than 31 October 2022. If you do not complete this form within the time limit you may not get your preferred High School. Please do not let this happen to your child as it is really traumatic.

**Primary School Admissions**

The deadline for Reception Class 2023 is 15 January 2023; again please don’t leave this until the last minute.

[www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



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As the new academic term is approaching and parents/carers will be purchasing uniforms, I feel it is the right time to remind you of our school uniform/

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**Black Shoes (not trainers)** **Black Shoes (not trainers)**

White or grey socks White or grey socks or appropriate tights

Grey shorts maybe worn in the summer Grey trousers may be worn in the winter

Purple and white dresses may be worn in the summer

**School uniform shops**

Boydells -7, 19 Victoria Rd, Widnes WA8 0PU **Jewelry is not allowed at St. Gerard’s please ensure**

Kits4all – 14 Lugsdale Road Widnes WA8 6DH **any earrings are removed before the children return**

Laser wear - 56 Victoria Rd, Widnes WA8 7RJ **to school in September**

**PE Kits**

All children must have the correct PE Kit for school. I have noticed lately children are wearing inappropriate clothes for PE including colored tracksuits, coloured leggings and named sportswear.

Alternatively, children can wear black shorts and plain white t**-shirt.**

**Parent Code of Conduct**

*At St Gerard’s Catholic Primary and Nursery School we are very fortunate to have supportive* and friendly parents and carers. We expect parents and carers to show respect and concern for others by:-

* supporting the respectful ethos of our school by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards all members of the school community.
* working together with teachers for the benefit of children.
* *correcting own child’s behaviour, especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe* behaviour;
* respecting the school environment, including keeping the school tidy by not littering.
* following the parking rules and doing the right thing when delivering and collecting children from school.
* In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, the school cannot tolerate:-
* disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of a classroom, an office area or any other part of the school grounds;
* using loud and/or offensive language or displaying temper;
* threatening harm or the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child.
* damaging or destroying school property;
* abusive or threatening emails, phone or social network messages ;
* smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs or accessing the school site whilst intoxicated.
* Dogs are not allowed on the premises

The above behaviour on school premises will be reported to the appropriate authorities and Governors may prohibit an offending adult from entering the school grounds to safeguard our school community.

Medical Appointments Can I remind parents and carers to try, if they can to make appointments for Doctors and Dentists where possible after school? I know at this present time this maybe impossible and I also understand that hospital appointments are difficult to arrange after school. Anyone who attends an appointment during school time and does not bring evidence of the appointment will have an unauthorised mark. Taking your child in their learning and we appreciate your out of school during lesson time can have a massive impact support with this matter.

**School Grid (School Meals)**

In order for your child to receive a hot meal each day you **MUST** order the choice of meal on School Grid. We have *quite a few occasions when children’s meals have not been* ordered and the children have not had the meal of their choice,

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**Parking around school**

Please note the following regarding parking issues around school:

It is illegal to park on a corner or on zig -zag lines. These are for emergency purposes.

Residents in the area are concerned that parents are parking in front of their drives. Please be mindful of this

when dropping/collecting.



