



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Monday 22nd June 2020

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs. S Hulme Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputy: Mrs. S Hulme Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

Dear Parents and Carers,

School continues to tick along with the number of pupils steadily increasing. We still only have Reception and Year 6 in as designated year groups but do have additional key worker children in as well.

We monitor the number of attendance requests every few days and manage a waiting list. As we move forwards to a more regular educational provision we may need to open another bubble when the staffing capacity increases over the next couple of weeks. The offer will be for a full week place to fulfil educational pupil provision. We will keep you informed as much as we can be going forward.

Meanwhile, the staff at each school are working on a summer work pack to be sent out to all children before the holidays. Bearing in mind the style of the electronic learning grid - this will take on a different form and will be hard copy to compliment the other elements of learning as consolidation and in preparation for the new term.

The government guidance for September now seems to suggest full time education for all children but we await further clarification over the next few weeks. We are currently looking at the transition and grouping arrangements too for September and will communicate this when we have finalised the plans.

Its seems astonishing that the school closed in March and now we are looking towards September for a full house - let's hope we never forget lessons learnt during these last few months.

Spirituality

Sunday 21st June - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 23rd June CAFOD Summer of Hope

So many things have changed this summer, but we are going to recreate some of the events we will all miss this summer. We want to have fun transforming them into a sign of hope through raising money for [CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal](#).

On Tuesday 23rd June, children will be able to wear a colourful t-shirt to school with their uniform and make a donation to CAFOD Summer of Hope. The day in school will look slightly different to. The suggested donation is £2 per family and can be made here: [Join our Summer of Hope | CAFOD](#) but the amount might need to be changed. School sports day has been cancelled, but we will have events in school in our bubbles with Coach Niall. Would you normally go to an air show? Perhaps we will make paper aeroplanes and see which travels the furthest? We would normally have a fete - we might be able to have some fete events? You could make a Hook-a-duck with magnets or a coconut shy with bottles from the recycling box? We all love the cake stall so why not decorating cakes (real or made of paper)?

This summer, like never before, we are called to be signs of hope for our world.

Our action for hope could mean fewer families have to ask: "How do I keep my child safe if we don't have water for handwashing?"

Whatever is donated will help CAFOD help people across the world who need it the most.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

Reception children to come in wearing school PE shorts and coloured T-Shirt.

Be ready to have some summer fun in school or at home!

Wear a bright t-shirt to school on Tuesday 23rd June as part of our fundraising for CAFOD Summer of Hope.



News for the week

Message from all the staff at St. Mary's Catholic Federation, Carshalton

Please click on the link below to view the message from all the staff at St. Mary's Catholic Federation, Carshalton.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQXP6PzexWB-GnQwrFOC8PbufQff7tP7DsLmOOgstfwmjxhhkypt6BW298Zoiss-lmuTVRuiltOf6i6/embed?start=true&loop=true&delayms=3000#slide=id.g77539dd640_8_5

Please be advised that all existing school policies and safeguarding procedures remain in place. This includes the requirement to inform the school in writing of reasons for absence. The school will continue to contact parents each morning should your child be absent.

A repeated request

Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed in any of the school grounds and neither is scooting or cycling for both children and adults. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation as we work together with St Philomena's High School too.

Collecting your child at the end of the day

Please be aware prompt collection of your child/children at the end of the school day is imperative to alleviate the child's time held in the holding area of the office. This is particularly important during this current time when social distancing measures are in place.

Free School Meals

You may be eligible to receive Free School Meals* for your child provided you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. To check if you are eligible for this entitlement please apply online using the following link to Sutton Council's website:

<https://selfservice.sutton.gov.uk/Action/ApplyForFreeSchoolMealsAndPupilPremium>

During the COVID-19 school closure period only those children who are in receipt of Free School Meals will be sent vouchers whilst they are not school. It has been confirmed in the past week that the voucher scheme will continue throughout the summer holiday period for those eligible.

Please note: Every pupil in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a school meal when they attend school in term time under a separate government initiative called Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). This is different to Free School Meal eligibility detailed above and is not income/benefit based.

The difference between Free School Meals* and UIFSM is the school receives additional income, called Pupil Premium, from the government for each child registered for Free School Meals which is used by the school to enhance pupil's education entitlement.