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#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

#### The end of term and the start of a new academic year...

I can't quite believe that we are coming to the end of another academic year already. The final month has gone by in a blur, but has left us with so many wonderful memories; Euro 2020, 'Wear it Wild' day, STEM week and of course, the Year 6 up and coming production of 'Starwarts'. I have seen a sneak preview and it was like being at a West End production! Huge thanks to Miss Lewis, Mrs Campbell, Mrs O'Brien and all the Upper Key Stage 2 team. We will send out the production via a video link next week.

We have also loved seeing our FS2 pupils graduate this week. It was such a proud moment to reflect on all they have achieved over the past year. We also had the pleasure of welcoming our new FS2 pupils into school during transition week – what a lovely bunch of children and grown-ups! We look forwards to seeing you all in September.

Thinking back to transition week, I must extend my sincere thanks to all the children (and parents!) for adjusting to their new classes so well. The week really helped us to feel more settled for our return next year. It was a great opportunity for both children and staff to get to know one another and quell any nerves.

This weekend, Fr Alan will be celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his ordination fifty years ago into the priesthood. Each class has made him a beautiful card and we have send him a delicious cake and some other goodies to help him celebrate this very special occasion. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing him many more happy and healthy years in the service of God.

We now look forwards to celebrating End of Term Mass on Friday 23rd July at 9am, in honour of our Year 6 pupils who will moving up to secondary school in September. We will also give thanks for the work of Mr Schofield who is moving to Thailand at the end of this month and to Mrs Campbell who will be going on maternity leave at the end of the term. We shall miss them greatly but wish them all the very best! Mrs Campbell will be back in the not too distant future ©

Finally, all of our INSET dates are now in place for next academic year, so please do add them to your calendars. Have a great holiday and we look forwards to seeing you all in September!

#### A message to our Year 6's - We are so proud of you!

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. Remember, inside of you is the potential to be whatever you want to be and all the energy to do whatever you want to do. Imagine yourself as you would like to be, doing what you want to do. Every day take one step towards your dream. One morning, you will awake to find that you are the person you dreamed of becoming, doing exactly what you wanted to do – simply because you had the courage to believe in your potential and to hold onto your dream. May God go with you as you continue to 'grow in faith and have faith in growing'. We can't wait to celebrate with you on Wednesday 21st July at your Leavers' liturgy (More information below).

A special mention must go to Kian Lucas who was awarded the 'Bishop Patrick Award' from the Trust for his contributions to the Catholic life of our school by serving brilliantly on our Chaplaincy team. Well done! Kian attended a special Q and A session with Bishop Patrick virtually this week, despite being on a trip to the farm at the time – all thanks to the wonders of technology! We now look forwards to presenting the rest of our awards to the Year 6 pupils during the Leavers' liturgy next Wednesday.







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### Mask wearing update from 19th July 2021

Based on the latest government guidance, we will no longer require adults to wear masks indoors or outdoors from Monday  $19^{th}$  July 2021. Thank you so much for respecting this safety measure for such a long period of time. You will no longer be asked to wear a mask or show exemption at collection times or indeed any other time.

#### Assessment Results for 2021

A huge thank you and congratulations to all of our pupils and staff for working so hard in the run up to the our internal Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs, Year 1 Phonics Screening check, Year group assessments and Early Years Foundation Stage Profile assessments. The children in Years 2 and 6 completed the 2019 SATs paper and we are thrilled with such great outcomes!

#### Our children achieved record breaking results despite it being a pandemic year!

What a hardworking and successful school community we have! A big thank you to all the parents who have so tirelessly supported their children through periods of remote learning this year and last year. It has helped so much!

	Expected Standard		Greater Depth	
	School	National 2019	<u>School</u>	National 2019
Reading	98%	73%	69%	27%
Writing	88%	78%	33%	20%
<u>Maths</u>	94%	79%	49%	27%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	94%	78%	51%	34%

Percentage of children achieving at least the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths Combined 84% compared to the 2019 national average of 64%. 27% achieved greater depth in all three subjects, compared to a national average of 11% om 2019.

Key Stage 1 SATs and Phonics Screening Check Results 2021

, ,	Expected Standard		Greater Depth	
	School	National 2019	School	National 2019
Reading	82%	75%	33%	25%
Writing	73%	69%	24%	25%
<u>Maths</u>	78%	76%	36%	25%

88% of our Year 1 pupils passed the phonics screening check, compared to the 2019 national average of 82% 80% of our EYFS pupils achieved a 'good level of development' compared to the 2019 national average of 71.5%







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Kind regards,

Mrs Snowdon-Poole

#### **COVID 19 Updates for September 2021**

At the time of writing, the government are encouraging schools to move towards a 'bubbleless' system to get school life back to normal. This may of course change again, depending on case numbers locally and nationally. For now, these are our plans, but I shall write to you again in the final fortnight of the holidays to confirm the plans going forward. At present, this is our hope and plan for next September:

#### **General points**

- Bubbles will not be in place for September 2021, in line with the latest government guidance.
- Only pupils who are positive for COVID-19 will need to isolate; close contacts will not.
- Masks will not be required for adults either inside or outside of school. You can choose to wear one
  if you so wish.
- Children will meet together again as a whole school for acts of worship and for lunch in the hall.
- Children will continue to wash their hands before and after breaks and lunchtimes.
- Please continue to provide your child with a water bottle as we will not be using the water fountains for hygiene reasons.

#### **Arrival in school**

• The gates will open at 8.30am for all pupils and will close at 8.45am. Morning arrivals will not be staggered.

EYFS should enter through the double gate (as they currently do) and go straight through the colourful gate into the FS2 classrooms. Staff will be on hand to assist with supporting children in saying 'goodbye' to parents.



(Double gate and colourful gate)







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• Year 1 and Year 2 pupils should enter through the double gate and play on the playground until 8.45am, when they will line up and go into class.



- Parents will not be allowed to wait on the playground with the children in the mornings. This is for safeguarding reasons, so that we can maintain clear sightlines and reduce numbers gathered on the school site.
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will enter through the top single walker's gate onto the KS1 playground and will walk round to play on the KS2 playground. Again, parents will need to say 'goodbye' to their children at the gate.



(Single walkers' gate)

- Any pupils who are late (arriving after the gates close at 8.45am) will need to enter via the office. Please buzz in through the pedestrian gate leading to the car park.
- Please make sure that children are not left unattended outside our gates before this time as we cannot take responsibility for their welfare.







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#### Dismissal and collection at the end of the day

- The one way system will remain in place with entry through the double gate for FS2 (see previous picture) and single side gate for KS2 and class 6 and the pedestrian gate for classes 3, 4 and 5. FS2 will be dismissed at 3.05pm and parents will enter through the double gate (see above) and into the FS2 fenced off outdoor area to collect their parents. There will be a constant and steady flow of parents as we will not limit the numbers coming through.
- Adults collecting children from classes 3, 4 and 5 will enter through the pedestrian gate and wait on the car park at 3.10pm. Class 3 will be dismissed through the office entrance and classes 4 and 5 will be dismissed through their respective fire doors.
- Adults collecting children from classes 6, 7, 8 and 9 may enter the KS1 playground through the single side gate at 3.10pm for collection at 3.15pm from this area.



#### (Single side gate)

- Adults collecting children from classes 10, 11 and 12 may enter the KS1 playground through the single side gate at 3.15pm for collection at 3.20pm from this area.
- All adults should exit through the single walkers' gate (see below)









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#### News

#### Year 6 Trip to 'The Briars': Monday 16th May 2021 - Friday 20th May 2021

Letters have already gone out regarding 'The Briars' residential visit for our new Year 6s. The deadline for the £40 deposit is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. This is to be made via ParentMail. For all further payments, we have a monthly payment scheme in place or you may wish to pay in full if you prefer, again via ParentMail.

#### Appointments within the school day

We politely request that all routine appointments (whether for your child or for yourself resulting in an early pick up for your child) are made outside of the school day. The exception to this of course, emergency appointments. In this case, please bring along proof of appointment when collecting your child. Many thanks.

#### Communication with School - Kindness is key!

We appreciate that this is a busy and stressful time for so many people at the moment, however we must make it clear that shouting, threats, intimidation, rudeness and/or swearing will not be tolerated; whether face to face, over the phone or in written communication. Such incidents are always referred to the Head and Chair of Governors and may result in a ban from the premises or limiting of communication for a set period of time.

#### Breakfast Club and After School Club Booking for the Next Academic Year

Booking will open at 10am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and you will be able to book for the first half of the Autumn/Advent term. Some key things to notes are as follows: Breakfast and Afterschool club **must** be booked and paid for online. Bookings will close 3 days prior to your chosen session, so please leave plenty of time to book. Similarly, bookings can only be credited back to accounts with three days' notice of cancellation. Due to staffing, afterschool club will not be available on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 (the last day of term).

#### **Uniform for September onwards**

Upon our return to school in September, children will wear their winter uniform. For girls, this consists of a white blouse, tartan skirt, grey trousers, royal blue tie, a royal blue cardigan, white, black or grey socks or tights and black shoes. For boys, this consists of a royal blue v-neck jumper, a royal blue tie, a white shirt, grey trousers, grey, black and white socks and black shoes.

Please also ensure that your child has their full PE kit from Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> onwards as PE provision will begin from the very first day. Every child will need to have the correct coloured house t-shirt. If you are unsure about which colour/house t-shirt to buy, please contact the office team on <a href="mailto:admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk">admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk</a>.

All items of uniform can be purchased from 'Uniform Direct' on Babbington Lane. Uniform can also be obtained via their website at www.uniform-direct.com. All items of uniform should be clearly labelled.

I would like to reiterate our expectations in the run up to any future purchases or hair style decisions! Large 'Jo Jo' bows are lovely for out of school but should not be worn in school due to their size. We also ask that the girls wear checked summer dresses and not the jumpsuit or culotte style versions please. Finally, we ask that children do not have dyed hair or patterns shaved into their hair. Thank you so much for your continued support in ensuring that our children wear their uniforms with pride.







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#### **Dinner Money for the First Half Term**

Dinner money for next half term will be £77 or £11 per week. Only pupils in Years 3-6 need to pay for a school dinner and those in receipt of Pupil Premium do not need to pay at all. Dinner money should be paid online via Parentmail. We don't mind children having school meals on set days e.g. every Friday, but these must be paid for in full at the beginning of the half term. Thank you.

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### Standing Items

#### Year 6 Production and Leavers' Liturgy

Our Year 6 pupils have been working hard learning songs and choreography for our up and coming production of 'Star Warts' – A musical that combines Star Wars, tennis and some really dodgy puns! It is very funny indeed. We are aiming to record the show during the week commencing the 12<sup>th</sup> July, in a bid to then release the production the following (and final) week. You will receive more information about that nearer the time.

Our Leaver's Liturgy and awards evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July would normally be open to parents, but unfortunately, we will not be in a position to invite parents in. Instead, we will live stream both the liturgy and the awards ceremony. We will send the link for that when everything is finalised. We intend to have a party for the children on that same evening too. Please drop children off at 5.30pm and collect them again at 7.30pm

#### Year 6 Fun Week moved to w/c 19th July 2021

To avoid a clash with the activities planned as part of 'STEM week', we have decided that Year 6 will be having their 'Fun Week' on the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – they'll be finishing the year on a high that way! They have excelled themselves this year in very challenging circumstances and they truly deserve a week of fun times!

### St. Benedict's Summer School Offer

#### **Summer School**

St Benedict's will be offering every child 1 full week of summer school in August where they will be able to attend with the other pupils in their form group for a full week (Mon-Fri) to access some catch up work alongside lots of additional transition activities to help them settle into school. This will be coordinated by their Head of Year Mrs Molumby and Assistant Headteacher Angela King.

7S 7A 7I 7N 7T form groups will be offered week beginning Monday 9th August







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7B 7E 7D 7C 7O form groups will be offered week beginning Monday 16th August

This event has been planned for pupils to be in their allocated form groups and they will not be able to change the dates offered to families. All pupils have been allocated a form group and this has been communicated with home. They have also had the opportunity to meet their form tutor online at the recent information sharing event.

All updated information is added to their dedicated Year 7 2021 page on the school website so should you need to find out anything else to support your child in their transition please do make use of this area.

http://saintben.derby.sch.uk/content/year-7-2021/

#### St Ralph Sherwin Hardship Fund

The St Ralph Sherwin Trust, a family of 25 Catholic academies, acknowledges the difficulties faced by many of the families we serve, particularly in light of the adverse effects of the Coronavirus on the community. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce the launch of the Trust Hardship Fund.

The Hardship Fund is a source of financial help available to all registered full-time students of our academies and intended to help students who are experiencing difficulty through hardship in paying for:

- Curriculum trips, visits, and residential courses
- Uniform, shoes, or sports kit
- Other materials or equipment required for academic studies
- Attendance at seminars, interviews, or work experience placements
- Emergency travel expenses

There is also potential for relieving hardship during recognised Academy holidays by providing access to one free school meal each day for those students.

Students may be eligible to apply for grants from the Hardship Fund if:

- Their household income is less than £25,000 per year
- Their parents are currently claiming other means-tested benefits, including Income Support, Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit/Income-Based Employment and Support Allowance/Universal Credit...provided the student is not entitled to Free School Meals
- At the sole discretion of the Headteacher any student who does not fall under the categories above but considers themselves to be in a state of financial hardship

Further details regarding the Fund, and how to apply, are detailed in the Hardship Fund policy which can be accessed here on our school website:

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	Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July: 5pm-7.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party and Liturgy	Y6 pupils from 5.30pm-7.30pm
Friday 23rd July: 9am	End of Year Mass	A link to the Mass will be sent out on Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July so that you can join us online
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Thursday 2nd September (Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September is an INSET day)	Summer Holidays	School Closed
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021: All Day	Return to school for the start of Advent term. FS2 - mornings only for the first week	All pupils
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September: 9am	Beginning of Year Mass	A link to the Mass will be sent out on Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September so that you can join us online
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September: 8:50am	Class 12 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 12 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September: All Day	Jeans for Genes Day	Non uniform day with children wearing an item of denim in exchange for the donation of £1 to the 'Jeans for Genes' charity.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September: 6pm	Virtual 'Meet and Greet the Teacher' Event	Live links for this event will be sent out on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September.
Thursday 23rd September: 8:50am	Class 11 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 11 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September: AM	School Photograph Day	All pupils. Letter to follow in the Autumn/Advent term
Thursday 30th September: 8:50am	Class 9 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 9 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October: 4-5pm and 5-6pm	Prospective Parents Open Day for entry into Foundation Stage 2021	Parents who are considering sending their child to St. George's in September 2021.  At present this will be a virtual event but this may change with further government guidance.







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Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October: 8:50am	Class 10 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 10 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 21st October: 8:50am	Class 8 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 8 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Advent Half Term	School closed for all pupils
Monday 1st November: 8am	Termly Learning Conference Booking Goes Live!	All parents will be able to log onto 'School Cloud' to book their child/ren's parents' evening slot. A letter detailing the booking process will go out just before the Autumn half term.
Thursday 4th November: 8:50am	Class 6 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 6 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November: EYFS and KS1 3:30-6pm and KS2 3.30-7.30pm	Termly Learning Conferences	Virtual parents' evening appointments.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November: EYFS and KS1 3:30-5.30pm and KS2 3.30-6pm	Termly Learning Conferences	Virtual parents' evening appointments.
Thursday 11th November: 8:50am	Class 5 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 5 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 18th November: 8:50am	Class 7Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 7 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 25th November: 8:50am	Class 1 and 2 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 1 and 2 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December: 9am	Advent Liturgy	Years 2-Year 6 will lead this liturgy. In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December: 8:50am	Class 3 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 3 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.







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Thursday 6th December: 8:50am	Class 4 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 4 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Christmas Events: Dates to save subject to government guidance Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December: All Day	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime	Dates to save for the Christmas events, subject to government guidance. These will either take place face to face or virtually depending on current restrictions.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December: 6pm	Carol Service at St George's Church	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December: 9-11am	FS2 Christmas Crafts Morning	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December: 2.15pm	FS2 Christmas Sing-along	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December: 2.15pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity	
Tuesday 21st December: 2:15pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity	
Last Day of Term Events – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December  Christmas Jumper Day End of Term Mass Christmas Dinner Day Carols around the tree Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December: All day	All children to wear their Christmas jumpers with jeans in exchange for a £1 donation for our Parish Mass at 9am Carols around the tree at 2pm INSET	Christmas Dinner – More information will follow in November regarding ordering a lunch for your child if they are ordinarily sandwiches.  It is highly likely that Mass and Carols around the tree will be virtual events, but you never know! We will keep you updated.  School closed for all pupils
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Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December –Friday 7th January 2021	Christmas Holidays	School closed for all pupils







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### **Term Dates for 2021/2022**

Advent Term 1 Staff Return on		
Staff Return on		
Friday 3rd September for INSET		
<u>Pupils return on</u>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Thursday 23rd December		
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December -Friday 7th January 2021		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February		
Monday 10" January - Friday 16" February		
Monday 21st February – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February		
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April		
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Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		
rm 1 Monday 25th April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		
(Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Closed – Bank holiday)		
t Half Term Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Monday 25th July		
(Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 is an INSET)		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021		
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December		
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022		
Friday 1st July 2022		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2022		
Bank holidays falling in term time		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 to be taken in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee bank		
holiday falling in half term		



