



St Francis
Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents,

It won't be long now until Friday comes around and brings the end of a busy and unusual term. I hope that you will join us for our end of term liturgy tomorrow- the link will be sent out on zoom.

Important information- re-opening in September- Statement from Neil Lockyer- Trust CEO

As you will appreciate, the government guidance around the reopening of schools next term is very extensive, as is the work we have done on our Risk Assessments. In order to make sure that we have the time to fully consult with staff and deliver training around these Risk Assessments, please note that your child will not be returning to school until **Tuesday 1 September**. We have taken this decision on a school-by-school basis across our Trust, based on the site, operating arrangements, number of pupils and staff, and individual school circumstances. We thank you for your understanding

I appreciate that the later return to school will present some challenges but I hope that the advance warning will enable you to put in place any necessary arrangements.

Arrangements for whole school reopening in September

We are currently reviewing our Risk Assessment in light of the new government guidance and we will communicate our full protocols with you before we return to school in September. Having reopened more widely to EYFS, Y1, Y5 and Y6, we have a good understanding of the things that have worked well and the aspects of wider reopening that we will want to adapt when all pupils return. We plan to continue with staggered drop-offs and pick-ups and all children will be entering the school site at the rear of the school. Children will also need to attend school in full school uniform and

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attendance will be compulsory for all pupils from September. Our priority when planning is the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff. Please keep a look out for dojo posts during the second half of the summer holiday which will outline more details

Parent Pay

As of the new academic year, the office will be completely cashless. If you have not yet registered your Parent Pay account, please contact the office as soon as possible so that you are ready for the new term. This will be the only way to make payments to the school so please do ensure that you have set this up. Parentmail is no longer being used by the school.

Little Stars

Little Stars will be resuming before and after school provision in the new academic year. If you are already registered, as your child has previously attended the provision, you can register your child for a place by logging in to your existing admin account with Little Stars. If you are seeking to use this provision for the first time you can contact Little Stars through their website: <http://littlestarsmelton.co.uk/>

Parent Governor and Foundation Governor roles

In the new term the Local Governing Body of St Francis Catholic Primary school will be seeking to appoint a new parent and a new foundation governor. A parent governor is a governor elected by parents and is a parent of a child currently attending the school; a foundation governor is appointed by the Bishop or by a religious order.

The governing body helps our school to fulfil its mission and our governing body is made up of foundation governors, appointed by the Bishop, and parent governors. The Local Governing Body is responsible for:

- Promoting the vision of the Catholic Multi Academy Trust
- Promoting and developing the Catholic Life of the school
- Monitoring the school development plan
- Supporting and challenging the
- Maintaining and developing relationships with staff, parents and the parish community
- Ensuring arrangements for safeguarding pupils and staff in the academy are fully compliant with statutory requirements

As part of their role governors are expected to visit the school at least once per term. This is in addition to supporting key school events. Governors are linked to key areas and visits are carried out to monitor and evaluate educational performance through learning walks and book scrutinies. There is one full governing body meeting per half term and this is usually in the early evening.

Please follow the link below to find out more information about these important roles:

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<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/governance/item/1003612-governance-of-a-catholic-school>

If you are interested in becoming a governor or interested in finding out more about what the role entails, please do not hesitate to contact me in school or contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Webb (01664 560010).

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school community. Your messages of thanks to our staff have been greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new academic year.

God bless you and your families,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs Brown".

Mrs Brown

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