

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please do not use mobile phones on school premises

I am writing to remind you that mobile phones are not to be used anywhere on school premises. This includes the foyer outside the school office, the hall, all corridors and the school yard - anywhere inside the school gates. There are signs up stating this at every entrance and office staff will generally remind you to turn off your mobiles whenever you come in to school. Please do not take offence if you are asked to go outside the school gates to answer calls as this is a published requirement of our Safeguarding Policy and is enforced to ensure the wellbeing of your children. ALL visitors to school are asked to comply with this policy whether they are visiting professionals or Parents.

Attendance

During this academic year we have struggled to reach an acceptable level of attendance across the school. We have had a couple of tummy bugs and the usual chicken pox etc... but we have also had a number of children going on holiday or being kept off when they really could have come to school. The published figure for our school this year will be 95.07% and, as the Government are expecting all schools to aim for 97%, this is considered to be poor

If a child has 85% attendance or less they are considered to be Persistent Absentees and we have an unacceptably high number of children falling into this category. As of September 2015 the levels have changed and any child with less than 90% attendance will be considered a Persistent Absentee. Please bring your child to school every day unless they are genuinely too ill to attend to make sure they do not fall in to this category. The Education Welfare Officer will be informed if we are concerned about the attendance of any child and further action may be taken.

The Education Welfare Officer will also be contacting the parents of those children who are regularly brought in to school late - punctuality is important.

Holidays in term time CANNOT be authorised and the parent of any child who is taken out of school to go on holiday WILL be fined.

Traffic Light Letters will be given to children before the end of this term.

Universal Infant Free School Meals for F2, Year 1 and Year 2

This is a reminder to the parents of those children moving into Year 3 in September that their children will no longer automatically be entitled to Free School Meals. We would ask that all parents who think their children may be entitled to Free School Meals should apply via www.liverpool.gov.uk or by visiting a One Stop Shop

Money owed to school

Please make sure that you pay all money owed to school before the end of term as we need to close our books for the summer.

School finishes for the summer on Tuesday 21st July at normal time

The new term begins on Tuesday 1st September with 2 Staff Training days - **children return to school on Thursday 3rd September**. Children starting in Foundation 2 will be given separate details of when they should attend.