



# St. John the Evangelist R.C. Primary School



A St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Multi Academy Trust  
Cowpen Lane, Billingham, TS23 1LJ  
Head : Mrs Julia A Rea B.A. (Hons) N.P.Q.H

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In a move to improve home-school communication we will shortly be adopting a paperless approach to contacting parents and carers.

With the growth in e-mail, smartphones and general home computer use, we have noticed this is the preferred method of communication for many parents now. There are benefits for all parents and carers adopting this method of communication.

- We are delighted to tell you we now have a Mobile App please check the school website for more information.
- Communicating with home directly via mobile app, text messaging service is far more reliable and far faster than depending on students to deliver letters and notices home. I am sure we have all found letters that are weeks old at the bottom of a school bag.
- More frequency of information, keeping parents/carers better informed.

We are planning our 'paperless' shift week commencing Monday 3 April 2017; at that point we will start using the mobile app and emailing letters and notices home. It is vital that we have updated e-mail addresses if we are to communicate with you effectively.

In addition to the above, to enable the school to send out 'group' texts, we will be using your mobile phone number as our first point of contact. We ask that you supply a mobile number if we do not already have one.

Please complete the slip attached and return to school as soon as possible, or provide the requested information by emailing [stjohnsrc@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:stjohnsrc@stockton.gov.uk)

We will still continue with our present system for those parents who express a preference for paper-based communication but the benefits as outlined above are undeniable, and we hope that you will join us in these efforts.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Rea

Headteacher



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Please fill in the slip below and return to Mrs Small in the office.

### School Correspondence by Mobile and Email?

Child's Name ..... Class .....

Parents Name .....

Parents Name .....

Carers Name .....

Mobile phone number.....

Email .....

*Please print clearly*