

# St. Bede's News



ST. BEDE'S R.C.V.A.  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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This week we have again looked at the capacity of spaces we have in school which allows the children some level of social distancing. We have now reached the maximum number of children we can welcome into school. This has given us a sense of happiness and excitement at seeing more smiling faces but also a sense of sorrow that not all children are back with us. We look forward to the time when things are safer and we see all of our precious children and parents back here.

We have devised a way to try and bring the children at home into the classroom. Teachers are looking at the examples of work posted on the virtual classrooms and they are sharing in school via displays. It is lovely to so much learning taking place in different ways.

If you have something that you would like shared but unsure how to put it into the virtual classroom please email: [admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk)



I am so pleased to be able to share that the governors have agreed to set up holiday childcare provision for this summer. This will run throughout the summer holidays dependent upon uptake from parents. If there is the required number of children to cover staffing costs it will be open every day.

Cost for the childcare will be £15 for a half-day session or £25 for a full day and payment will be needed in advance to secure a place. We will send out further information next week.

Thank you so much for the information that fed into the consultation for St Bede's to convert to academy status. Consultation was in place for three weeks and ended on Friday 5th June 2020. Support for the conversion to an academy was offered by parents. One response saying that everything being planned would be for the benefit and in the best interests of the children, becoming an Academy will give more flexibility going forward.

There was a query with regard to a change of uniform as a result of the transfer. In response to this we can say that there will not be a change in uniform as a direct result of converting to an academy and the Trust at this stage does not have plans to alter individual school uniforms.

Following the consultation process the Governing Body of St Bede's put an application into the Diocese to join Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust and this was agreed on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The process of converting to academy status and joining Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust will continue aiming to be a part of the Trust by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

St Benet Biscop and Ss Peter and Paul (Cramlington) both joined the Trust on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and eventually most of the Catholic schools in Northumberland will be a part of this Trust. You can find more information at <http://www.bishopbewickcet.org/>



## Nursery & Reception Intake September 2020

Miss Grigg, Miss Clark and Mrs McCarron will be in touch with the parents of next year's Nursery and Reception very soon. Plans for transition into the new classes are still very dependent upon the national situation with regard to COVID-19, parents will be updated as much as we possibly can at this stage. Please be reassured that we have not forgotten about you and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to school as soon as we can.



I am so pleased to be able to finally share with you some plans that have been put in place to help our neighbours next door. We have now made a formal arrangement with West End Primary School that they can use our field for outdoor PE lessons. There will be a dedicated entrance behind our nursery building which will take the children straight on to the field in a safe manner and both schools will there have own risk assessments in place. Half termly timetables will be set up so that both schools know who will be using the field and when, avoiding any mix-ups.

I would like to formally welcome Mrs. Bushell and West End to our wonderful school and look forward to strengthening the links we already have between the schools.



We are at the moment still exploring how viable the Outward Bound trip to Ullswater in the Lake District is. In line with all safeguarding measures we need to make the trip as safe as we possibly can. As soon as we have an update we will be in touch with parents directly to give details. Thank you for your patience with this.

The current situation we find ourselves in is a challenging time for so many of us, trying to get through the best we can. The Road Centre who we use have extended their offer of support to school and should any parents need some additional guidance at this time or just a signpost to where to get help they may be able to help. If you would like to make contact with our school counsellor, please ring school to speak with Mrs Worrall or send an email to the admin account.

Alternatively

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/> will have a list of possible places for advice.



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### Mental health services in Northumberland

<b>Barnardo's</b> Services for children and young people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sexual abuse counselling</li><li>• Bereavement counselling</li><li>• Trailblazer group work</li></ul> <a href="http://www.barnardos.org.uk">www.barnardos.org.uk</a> Tel: 0191 212 0237	<b>BPAS</b> (British Pregnancy Advisory Service) Pregnancy termination and counselling <a href="http://www.bpas.org">www.bpas.org</a> Tel: 03457 30 40 30	<b>Cygnus</b> Mental health and wellbeing services Bereavement and generalised mental health counselling <a href="http://www.cygnussupport.com">www.cygnussupport.com</a> Tel: 01670 853 977
<b>Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust</b> 24-hour access to mental health care, advice and support <a href="http://www.cntw.nhs.uk/needhelpnow">www.cntw.nhs.uk/needhelpnow</a> Tel: 0303 123 1146 (for all ages in need of an urgent response)	<b>ADAPT</b> Keeping People Connected Short-term support service for people who have learning disabilities and /or autism <a href="http://adapt-ne.org.uk">adapt-ne.org.uk</a> Tel: 01434 600 599	<b>Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</b> Children and young persons primary mental health <a href="http://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/primary-mental-health">www.northumbria.nhs.uk/primary-mental-health</a> Tel: 01661 864 588
<b>Talking Matters Northumberland</b> Psychological Therapies <a href="http://www.tmnorthumberland.org.uk">www.tmnorthumberland.org.uk</a> Tel: 0300 3030 700	<b>Mind</b> Telephone counselling services Rapid Response Service Bereavement Counselling <a href="http://www.tynesidemind.org.uk">www.tynesidemind.org.uk</a> Tel: 01665 600 930	<b>Grace Rape Crisis Service</b> Counselling service for victims of sexual abuse <a href="http://gracenrc.org.uk">gracenrc.org.uk</a> Tel: 0800 035 2794
<b>Harbour</b> Domestic Violence advice, 24 hour, 7 days a week <a href="http://www.myharbour.org.uk">www.myharbour.org.uk</a> Tel: 03000 202 525	<b>If U Care Share</b> Support for those affected by suicide <a href="http://www.ifucareshare.co.uk">www.ifucareshare.co.uk</a> Tel: 0191 387 5661	