

# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Executive Principal: Mr. G M O'Hara

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Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit.

Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community.

Pope St John Paul II reminds us,

*"Forgiveness does not come naturally. Forgiving from the heart can sometimes be actually heroic."*

**"Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word."**



Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how often must I forgive someone who does me wrong? Should it be as often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!" Then Jesus told them this story: "There was a king with many servants. One of the servants owed the king an enormous amount of money. The servant could not pay so he begged for more time to pay his debt. The king felt so sorry for him that he even cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him a very small amount of money; but he would not cancel the debt but instead had the poor servant arrested. When the news reached the king, he sent the unforgiving servant to prison to be punished."

## The Wednesday Word is Forgiveness



*"It is by forgiving that one is forgiven."*

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

### Start and end of school day

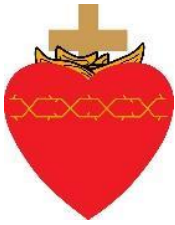
From Monday, we will be asking KS1 parents to walk down the ramp at the far end of the playground to collect FY, Year 1 and Year 2 children. This is to avoid large groups of parents gathering to collect children and so we can follow social distancing measures properly.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping us all safe at school.



A reminder that school finishes at **3.15pm** each day. We understand that the Perry Barr roadworks are causing delays but please can all parents ensure that they leave enough time to collect children punctually.





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## PE Kit

As the term progresses, there may need to be changes we make to the systems in rules in place. As a school, we have decided that it would be much easier, and safer, for children to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE. This means that we will have fewer items coming in and out of school each day.

The children can wear:

- trainers
- white school PE shirt or white T shirt
- navy blue jogging bottoms or tracksuit bottoms

Children are not to wear cycling shorts or leggings.

Please read the following timetable very carefully to know which days your child needs to wear their PE kit.

EYFS	Tuesday	Friday
Year 1	Wednesday	Friday
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday	Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Monday	Thursday

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September- SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

**There will be no PE on this day so please send your child to school in their full winter uniform**

## Children's Birthdays

If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to send in small party bags for the other children as normal. (Please be assured that you do not have to do this!) The children will be told to take the bags home for parents to decide when the children can open them. Please avoid putting balloons, whistles or any toys that require children to put their mouths around things in the bags.

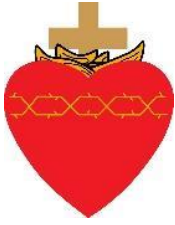
## Office appointments

Parents who wish to speak to members of staff, or Mrs Ali, must phone or email the school office [enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net) to discuss issues or book an appointment. Parents are not allowed inside the school building at the moment.

If your child is late, they will need to wait outside with you until they are escorted in and brought to their classroom.

Please understand that staff are not being rude by insisting on this; we are ensuring the safety of everyone in school with these rules.





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## Vacant places - EYFS, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4

We currently have some vacancies in our EYFS, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 classes if any families are looking for places for their children. As a faith based school, we welcome children of all faiths so please spread the word so children do not miss out. Contact the school office on 356 4721 to enquire or by email [enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net)

## Social Media sites

There have been a number of reports on the news this week about disturbing and inappropriate videos and messages on sites such as TikTok. We have also heard that some children in school have their own YouTube channels and Roblox accounts. Please ensure that you are aware and are monitoring your child's use of the internet.

For your reference:

- TikTok requires that users be **at least 13 years old** to use the full TikTok experience, although there is a way for younger kids to access the app. Anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian -- but there are plenty of young tween users.
- WhatsApp minimum age of use is **16 years old** if you live in the European Union, or a country that has adopted the GDPR, as the UK has.
- You can register for a YouTube account from the **age of 13** in the UK. Because YouTube is owned by Google, the site uses a Google accounts sign-in system to give you access to all their products such as YouTube, Gmail and Google+.
- Roblox is an online game and app suitable for **ages 7 and above** where you can create your own games or play games that other users have made. There's the option to chat to other players which means that ESafety is extremely important.

**Praise certificates:** Congratulations to the following children in school who have been praised this week: Emarna, Marius, Nathaniael, Helena and Julia

## Gospel Virtues:

This half term, the children in school will be growing to be **Curious** and **Active**. Pupils at Sacred Heart are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Josephine, Henon, Esa, Michael and Nikola

**Presentation Award:** Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in their work this week. Vhenice, Tanjima, Xavi, Eva and Hermila.

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara  
Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott  
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper  
Acting Vice Principal



**St. John Paul II Multi Academy**

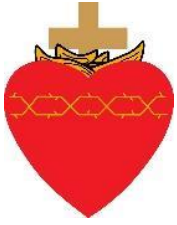
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