

Supporting Your child's Achievement Together



Our Lady of the Visitation Information Meeting

We Learn, Love and Grow Through Christ

God our Father,
may all of life's experiences
lead us to grow as people who always put
love into all that we do.

May we live in such a way that our attitude
and words and actions reflect to the children
their own value, dignity and self-worth,
helping the children to feel wanted and
appreciated for who they are.

Amen



Working together for your child

- ▶ Every child's success is built on a strong partnership between home and school.
- ▶ You know your child better than anyone else, and we value the insights, experiences and knowledge that you bring. By working together, sharing information and maintaining open communication, we can ensure that every child feels supported, happy and able to thrive.



Working together

- ▶ If there is anything you think we should know, or if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us.
- ▶ **Your first point of contact is your child's class teacher.**
- ▶ If further support is needed, our Team Leaders, Assistant Headteachers and I are always available to help.
- ▶ **We are committed to working together with you to help every child achieve their full potential.**



Working together

If we have a concern about your child we will ask to speak to you.

This is not to judge or blame. This is so we can work together.

You may be able to help us by sharing strategies that work at home.



Responsibility

- ▶ As a school we are responsible for the education, safety and welfare of the children whilst they are at school. Our aim is to give them the best education that we can offer so that they are good citizens with a good education and high moral code.
- ▶ As parents/carers you are responsible for all those things and more.
- ▶ It is important that we work together even when we don't always agree.



Supporting your child at school

- ▶ One of the most important things you can do to support your child in school is to help them **follow the rules**.
- ▶ This is an important life skill because, throughout society, in order to fit in, we have to follow the rules.
- ▶ We have many rules in school, which are necessary to keep over 420 children safe, calm, orderly whilst delivery high quality of education.



Important Rules

- ▶ There are four important rules we need you to support us with
- ▶ 1. Attendance
- ▶ 2. Punctuality
- ▶ 3. Uniform
- ▶ 4. Behaviour



Attendance

- ▶ Send your child to school everyday.
- ▶ We know that holidays are cheaper in term time but term time holiday leave will not be authorised and you may be fined.
- ▶ Please do not tell us your child is sick and then take them on holiday.
- ▶ You must call the office before 9am to report an absence.
- ▶ You must tell the office in advance if you are collecting your child early.



Attendance

- ▶ Absence for religious observance / ceremonies will be reviewed upon application but will be dependent on at least 98% attendance at school.
- ▶ Everyday that your child misses is lost learning. A child that is off for a week could miss an entire maths concept e.g. fractions. They may struggle with fractions for years after that.
- ▶ School is a time for making friends. If your child is absent frequently, they may struggle with friendships.



Medical needs/ illness

- ▶ You should only keep your child at home if they have a temperature, have vomited or have diarrhoea.
- ▶ In case of vomiting or diarrhoea, your child needs to be off for at least 24h from the last episode.
- ▶ If they complain of a tummy ache, a headache or have a running nose, please send them to school. If they become unwell during the day and are too sick to stay in school we will call you.
- ▶ We now use medical tracker.



Punctuality

- ▶ Punctuality is a learned skill that we all need in later life.
- ▶ Arrive in school on time.
- ▶ The gate opens at 8.35am with a soft start.
- ▶ The gate will close at 8.50am. The children must all be in by then.
- ▶ If you do not make it on time your child will need to come through the school office and will be marked late. This will affect their attendance.
- ▶ Please make sure you pick up your child on time. The gate opens at 3.20pm for a 3.30pm pick up.
- ▶ If you are late picking up you may be issued with a fine.



Punctuality

- ▶ The lost time isn't just the minutes themselves. A child arriving after the lesson has started can also miss **instructions, settling time, routines and the introduction to the day's learning.**

Late every day	Learning time lost per year	Equivalent school days
1 minute	3 hrs 10 mins	0.5 day
2 minutes	6 hrs 20 mins	1 day
5 minutes	15 hrs 50 mins	2.4 days
10 minutes	31 hrs 40 mins	4.8 days
15 minutes	47 hrs 30 mins	7.1 days
20 minutes	63 hrs 20 mins	9.5 days
30 minutes	95 hrs	14.25 days



Uniform

Wear the correct uniform

Children must now wear winter uniform: a plain white shirt with pointed collar, **school tie** and the **v-neck jumper with the logo**.

Boys: grey trousers with grey socks

Girls: navy trousers or skirt/pinafore, navy tights or plain white socks without bows or frills.

Plain black school shoes. No boots or trainers.

Please start sending your children in with a coat or a waterproof jacket. The children will continue to play outside during a light drizzle.

PLEASE LABEL jumpers, sweatshirts, ties and coats and if your child attends a club where they need to change, label everything.



PE KIT

- ▶ PE kit – will be worn on PE days – your teachers will tell you when these are.
- ▶ The PE kit includes: plain navy jogging bottoms, a plain navy t-shirt and a **sweatshirt with the school logo**. Absolutely no leggings/cycling shorts.
- ▶ Plain black plimsolls or plain black trainers to be worn on PE days only.



Examples of plain black trainers

- ▶ Asda – £10
- ▶ M&S £19
- ▶ Next £22–£30
- ▶ Shoe zone from £10
- ▶ Plimpsolls from Matalan and tesco from £4



Appearance rules

- ▶ No jewellery other than stud earrings
- ▶ Blue hair accessories only. Bows should be small.
- ▶ Long hair must be tied up
- ▶ Absolutely no nail varnish
- ▶ Only analogue watches when children are learning to tell the time
- ▶ No hair extensions, coloured braids, dyed/bleached hair, no cuts less than a number 2.
- ▶ Absolutely no lines cut into hair



Behaviour

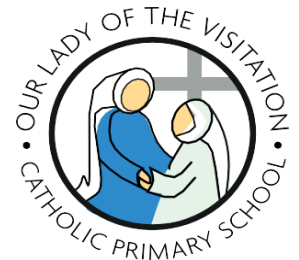
- ▶ Our expectations are high and therefore behavior is good. Support us with managing behavior
- ▶ **Red Slip**– if your child does something they should not have done, they will be given a slip to fill in to help them acknowledge their behaviour. The younger children will be helped to fill it in.
- ▶ This slip will be sent home so that you know what has happened. You are asked to talk to your child about what happened and then sign the slip to acknowledge receipt.
- ▶ **Consequences:** your child will be asked to apologise verbally, write a written apology and may be asked to reflect during their play time. In very serious situations, a sanction will be discussed with the family.

Behaviour

- ▶ Your child may not always tell you the whole story and sometimes you may think that their behaviour is out of character. Talk to the class teacher if you are concerned about a behaviour notice.
- ▶ If there is a serious incident, we will call you and may ask you to come in for a meeting.
- ▶ We will not tolerate **bullying** or **racist comments**. If your child tells you they have been harmed in any way but has not told a member of staff please let us know so we can sort it out.
- ▶ Our responsibility is to make sure your child is safe.

Bullying vs. being rude or mean

- ▶ We teach our children that:
 - **Being rude** means saying/doing hurtful things without understanding that it is inappropriate
 - **Being mean** means saying/doing hurtful things and understanding that it is inappropriate
 - **Bullying** means saying/doing hurtful things repeatedly



Racist comments

- ▶ Sometimes children make racist comments. Often, this is repeating what they have heard on social media or comes from a lack of understanding.
- ▶ Racist comments are always treated very seriously. Each case is considered individually, taking into account the circumstances, the child's age and understanding, the language used and the impact on others. Appropriate action and support will always be put in place.
- ▶ We continue to teach tolerance and respect for other cultures, religions and ethnic backgrounds. Please support this process by teaching tolerance and inclusion at home.

Birthday treats

- ▶ As a school we do not give out sweets, cakes or biscuits for birthdays or at any other time.
- ▶ This is because we are part of the national Healthy Schools project.
- ▶ We are also mindful of children with allergies.
- ▶ Please do not bring in gifts for individuals as we will not give these out and this is disappointing for your child.



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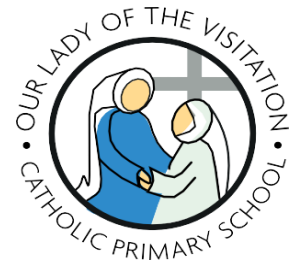
- ▶ If you want to share something please give your child a book that they can gift to the class.
- ▶ If you want to share fruit please send precut fruit as we don't have the capacity to prepare it for the children. We cannot accept grapes or cherry tomatoes unless pre-cut in halves due to choking hazard.

Strictly no nuts in any form please.



Friendships

- ▶ Sometimes children will have arguments or say unkind words. We will work with them at school and notify you of any issues.
- ▶ If your child has a falling out with another child or is hurt at school please come to speak with us.
- ▶ Please DO NOT approach other parents. ALL parents work with us to solve problems.



Using technology

- ▶ Please be aware of what your child is accessing via the internet.
- ▶ Good practice is to keep all IT equipment, phones, iPads, computers, TVs out of your child's bedroom and in a central place.
- ▶ We often hear about children's phones pinging in the middle of the night when a class mate is texting them.



Using technology

- ▶ Talk to your child about what they are watching, who they are playing online games with. Please check regularly if they have been asked to do anything that has made them feel uncomfortable.
- ▶ Are they playing games such as Grand Theft Auto or Call of Duty (both 18 rating)
- ▶ Are they watching YouTubers playing these games?



Messaging

- ▶ Talk to your child about how they treat others online. We regularly receive concerns about children sending offensive texts or messages. Although it happens at home, it affects friendships at school. As we are not able to monitor your child's use of social media, we are asking you to please manage your child's after school online activity at home.
- ▶ Avoid setting your child up with YouTube accounts, TikTok, Snapchat, WhatsApp etc.
- ▶ Pupils in year 6 may bring a **brick phone** to school and hand it into the teacher. This must not be a smart phone.



Parent WhatsApp groups

- ▶ Parental forums occasionally lead to conflicts between parents. Please remain respectful to one other as we prefer to focus our energy on supporting children instead of mediating in parental disputes.
- ▶ If you are unhappy about anything that happens in school please talk to a member of staff. Social media will enable you to vent but you will not solve problems this way. Please come and speak to us instead.



Communicating

- ▶ We send out a regular newsletter that has all the information you need.
- ▶ Check the website for Up To Date news.
- ▶ We send emails and text reminders.
- ▶ Please, set up the ClassDojo app.
- ▶ If you need to see a teacher or pass on a message, please email the office or speak with the class teacher at the end of the day to arrange an appointment.
- ▶ Teachers cannot see you in the morning as they are settling the children in and teaching.



Collecting/Dropping off

- ▶ If you cycle or come on a scooter please get off it and walk through the car park and along the narrow passage. On many occasions there are near misses.
- ▶ Collection list have been handed over to the next class teacher. If you would like anyone added/removed, please email your class teacher.
- ▶ Adult bikes/scooters are not allowed in the playground. Please leave them outside.
- ▶ If children are cycling to school they must wear a helmet.
- ▶ Dogs are not allowed in the playground.
- ▶ Mobile phones are not allowed in the playground.
- ▶ Smoking and vaping is not allowed on school premises or in the waiting area outside the blue gate.
- ▶ High school children from year 8 and above. They should not bring friends into the playground



School Lunch

- ▶ A school lunch is provided for all children.
- ▶ We use ISS catering company that provides meals for most Ealing schools.
- ▶ If you have any comments about the school lunches please pass them on to the school office and we will contact ISS.

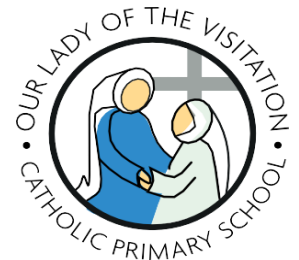


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- ▶ Outdoor Play and Learning

Please click on the link to find out more

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZfrmY9tuCM>



Financial Concerns

- ▶ We are aware that people's circumstances are very different but we will all have to be more careful.
- ▶ Therefore, we have looked at our school trips to see where we can reduce the costs to you.
- ▶ Each year group has 3 trips a year; one will be a workshop. Where possible we will use public transport but if we need to go by coach we will limit this to one a year.
- ▶ The FOTV pay for one coach a year



Volunteers – must have a DBS

- ▶ If you would like to volunteer in school please contact the school office.
- ▶ You will require a DBS clearance.
- ▶ We ask for volunteers in a year group other than your child's.
- ▶ You may be asked to help with resources, hear children read or work with a group.
- ▶ If you have a particular skill or interest, e.g. baking, art, world war II, that you would like to share with the children please speak with your class teacher.



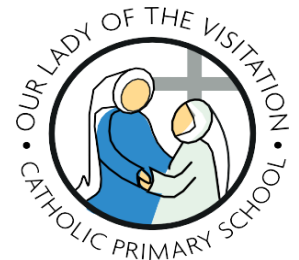
Supporting Parents

- ▶ We will be organising a range of workshops over the coming months e.g. phonics, reading, maths.
- ▶ The curriculum meetings where you will hear from your child's teacher about what they will be taught start next week.
- ▶ We would like to start a support group for parents of children with additional needs.



The Friends of the Visitation

- ▶ Raise funds to support the school with resources.
- ▶ Provide equipment such as books, playground equipment, musical instruments, coaches for trips.
- ▶ Organise fun events for children such as Christmas parties, Santa's Grotto, Film nights, Monster's Ball, Summer Fair
- ▶ Coffee Mornings and bingo nights for parents



The Friends of the Visitation

- ▶ If you want to make suggestions for alternative activities / events then it is really important that you get involved, give your opinion and help organise it.
- ▶ How to get involved?
- ▶ Email: friendsofthevisitation@hotmail.co.uk>
- ▶ Give your details to the school office and someone will contact you



Any Questions?

