

Back to School Update



14.8.23

Dear Parents,

I hope this correspondence finds you all well and you are continuing to enjoy the Summer break. It is that time of year again when we are putting finishing touches to all preparations for the new school year ahead and we welcome back all pupils whilst looking forward to meeting all those new pupils joining St. Joseph and St. James's in the new academic year.



Please see class allocation from September 2023:

P1	Mrs Wadsworth (Mon. Tues. Wed.) Mrs Crawley (Thurs. Fri.)
P2/3	Mrs Sloan
P3/4	Mrs McCooey
P5	Mr O'Hagan
P6/7	Mrs Shortt

Reminder for the term ahead:

- First day back to school for all pupils, **Thursday 31st August 2022 from 9.00-12.00 noon.**
Please note there are no School Meals or Transport Services on this day.
- P1 pupil's attendance times differ from P2-P7 for the month of September.
Week 1: 31.8.23 – 8.9.23 – 9.15-11.00a.m.
Week 2: 11.9.23-15.9.23 – 9.00-12.00noon
Week 3: 18.9.23-22.9.23 – 9.00-1.00p.m
Week 4: 25.9.23 -29.9.23 – 9.00-2.00p.m.

P.1 Pupil's Scoot to school – Week 1



P.1 pupils will enter the school via the **scoot route**, i.e. main entrance gate onto playground, from 9.05, as advised previously in our P1 Information Evening. Mrs Allen and Mrs Wadsworth will meet all pupils each morning at the gate and will then proceed with our P1 pupils to their scooter parking bay. The scooter route will be in place for the first few days, until Friday 8.9.23. Please allow time for all other pupils on the initial week to proceed to their classes first. Thankyou for your cooperation in this matter.



Lunch bags and school bags are permitted for pupils in P4-7 only. Pupils in **P1-P3 do not require a school bag**, as they will use homework bags provided. All pupils' lunch bags should be clearly named. Please be advised, we promote the 'Healthy Eating' policy.



Nuts are not permitted or any foods with nut extract.



Pupil's Stationary Check List:

All pupils please ensure they have the following in their pencil case clearly labelled:

3 HB pencils, (P1 pupils will use handwriting pencils provided)

Set of colouring pencils- clearly named

1 Sharpener,

Eraser

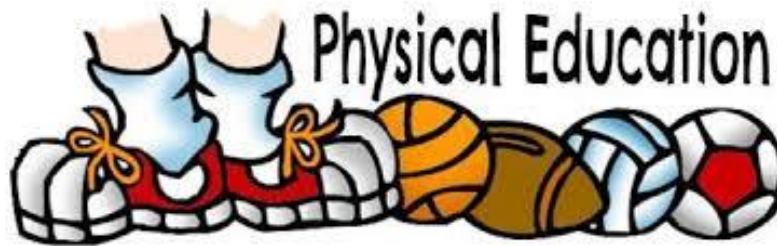
1 Ruler

1 Pritt stick – to be replaced when required

P5/6/7 – may find purchasing a protractor useful. P6/7 will also be advised by their class teacher, regarding purchasing handwriting pens.

- Please ensure **all items of uniform are clearly labelled**, as it makes lost or misplaced items easier to return. All pupils must wear the correct school uniform at all times, with black school shoes. Please be advised, it is **not permitted** to wear trainers with the main school uniform. Navy trousers or tunic are to be worn by pupils, no other colours are permitted. We thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.
- We request all pupils bring one set of wipes and tissues for personal use.
- **After school Care and Breakfast Club** – can we please ask you to email our school secretary Mrs Morrow if you wish to avail of these services before 29.8.23 - lmorrow846@c2kni.net

Please be advised due to financial constraints, after school care will only be viable when numbers in attendance exceed a minimum of 5 pupils. It would be most helpful if you can advise us, ahead of the term commencing, so we can update you regarding which specific after school minding provision may be viable.



- **PE days**- Pupils are to wear PE uniform on **Tuesday and Thursday only**. Full school uniform is to be worn by pupils each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **After School Clubs** – we will update you all in due course, the various activities we hope to provide for our pupils
- **Intervention specialist** – Last academic year we were able to support our pupils with Mrs Delargy, through Engage funding which was a wonderful opportunity. As funding has now been ceased, we wish to enquire if you would like to avail of such a service. We would really like to continue this provision, however all parents would likely incur a termly fee of approximately £100. Numbers interested would determine final termly costs. If interested, please email cwadsworth679@c2kni.net
- School Calendar dates for the term ahead, please refer to our school app and website. Sacramental dates are yet to be confirmed and we will update you as soon as we know.

If you have any queries, you may contact me in the meantime on cwadsworth679@c2kni.net.

Yours in partnership

C. Wadsworth and the staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.