



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

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‘Where Every Heart is Sacred’

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class 8!

It was wonderful to welcome you all back to school at the beginning of September and we’re delighted that the children have made such a positive start to the new academic year. We are all adapting well to the new routines, including additional hand washing, the requirement to respect each other’s personal space (particularly indoors) and the need to be patient with each other as certain processes take a little longer than they used to.

This year, we intend to use Google Classroom for children’s weekly homework and spellings. We are finalising details and will be in touch with more information in due course. In the meantime, please let us know if you are not able to access online learning resources and we will do all that we can to help you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment to see the relevant teacher by calling the school office or by emailing class8@sacredheart-jun.manchester.sch.uk.

We look forward to working with you in what we’re sure will be a most productive and enjoyable year.

God bless,
Mr Davies and Mrs Botham

Class 8 - Years 5 & 6

New Health and Safety Routines

Children will be supervised whilst washing their hands on entering the school building and before and after eating. The children will use hand sanitiser on entering or exiting a room and after coughing or sneezing.

There is a plentiful supply of tissues in the classroom for the children to use when necessary.

This year, the children have been supplied with their own pencil case containing all the resources they will need.

The start of the school day for Class 8 is at **8:45am**. Children should walk sensibly into the building, remembering to sanitise their hands before they go upstairs.

The end of the school day for Class 8 is **3:05pm**. If Y6 children have your permission to walk home alone, please inform us in writing or we will not be able to release your child. Similarly, if another parent is collecting your child, please ensure that you have informed us in advance.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to wear masks when dropping off and collecting their children.

Curriculum Topics

The Tudors

Properties and Changes of Materials

Forest Management (UK and South America)

Animals (including humans)

WW2

Forces

Media City, Musea and The Docks

Earth and Space

Local Study: Alan Turing

GIS Mapping

Living Things and Their Habitats

Further details about our curriculum can be found on the school website.

Homework

It is important for Y5 and Y6 children to read every day at home, ideally for 15-20 minutes. Children can return their reading books and complete AR quizzes Monday-Friday in class between 8:45-9:05am. Blue Bubble staff will ensure that returned books are quarantined before being returned to the shelves.

It is also really important for Y5 and Y6 children to practise their times tables as often as possible. Timestables Rockstars is a great resource but old-fashioned memorisation also works really well! Ideally, children should be able to recall all timestable facts up to 12 x 12.

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Uniform

Boys

White Polo Shirt
Blue Sweatshirt (with school logo)
Navy Blue, Black or Grey Trousers or Shorts
Plain Black Shoes

Girls

White Polo Shirt
Blue Sweatshirt/Cardigan (with school logo)
Navy Blue, Black or Grey Pinafore/Trousers/Skirt
Navy Blue or White Socks
Summer Blue Checked Dress
Plain Black Shoes

P.E. Kit

Plain white t-shirt
Plain black shorts
Pumps or trainers
Hair bobble (long hair must be tied up)

Haircuts should be appropriate to a formal environment and jewellery is not permitted as it poses a safety risk.

Rewards and Sanctions

To ensure a safe and positive learning environment, all staff and pupils follow the 'traffic light system' promoting a consistent code of conduct.

- Green for go - all the children start here.
- Amber – children receive an initial verbal warning for poor behavior but, if the initial warning has no effect, children move down to amber. This alerts children to think about their behaviour.
- Red – If children continue to misbehave, they move further down to red and receive detention.
- Gold - a child moves up to gold for outstanding behaviour or for outstanding work.

Things to Remember

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school each **Thursday**. No change of clothes is required. In order to help us to maintain safe social distancing, please do not send your child to school in trainers with laces if they have not yet learnt how to tie/retie them.

Water bottles are provided by school and will be kept at school.

Only bring essentials into school e.g. reading book, reading record, coat/hat/gloves (as necessary). Each child has their own locker.

You can help your child by:

Reading regularly to and with your child

Encouraging your child to learn their timestables

Helping your child to learn the weekly spellings

Researching information on our main topics (see above)

Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep

Making sure your child eats breakfast each morning

Reminding your child of the importance of maintaining a safe distance from others, especially indoors

