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21/08/20

Dear Parents,

Please read this correspondence in conjunction with the letters that I sent out on the School App in recent weeks.

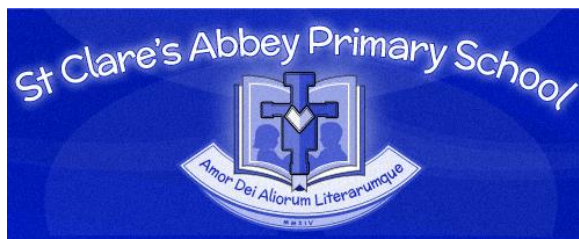
Additional information:

1. From 1st September, if families wish to pick up **all** their children at the same time they can do so by letting school office staff know and all children will be released at the **earliest dismissal** time allocated to a member of that family.
2. We are implementing the '**nothing taken in, nothing taken out**' rule. Therefore, children can only bring in:
 - healthy break in disposable bag - no containers- bags will be disposed in class bin after use.
 - lunch (if applicable) in disposable bags- no containers- bags will be disposed in class bin after use
 - bottle of water (with name written on it) - sports cap (lid that pupils can suck through)- **all pupils** need a daily bottle of water as shared water fountains are not operational.

Please note, all food items must be easily opened by your child him/herself.

3. Parents arriving for Nursery and P1 introductory meetings next week are asked to wear a mask. We would ask that only one adult per child comes to the meeting, accompanied by their P1 child. If a parent absolutely needs to bring a baby, we need the baby to remain in the pram or seated on parent's lap throughout. Please be aware that teachers may be wearing visors/ masks for these meetings.
4. Induction sessions w/c 24th August- each child in P2 - P7 has a 2 hour induction meeting 10AM to 12.00 next week- days and times were allocated in June. Arrangements for 12.00 collection will be the same as the home-time arrangement in effect from 01/09/20- see table shown as attachment to last App letter:
P2 & P3 pupils will be dismissed from their classroom door.
P4 - P7 pupils will be dismissed from the main school gates.
When your child arrives for induction staff will be waiting at key points to direct them to their classroom. Reminder parents cannot enter the building (even cloakrooms.)





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5. Once school proper resumes on 1st September please ensure that childminders and after school crèche facilities know of the pick- up time and location for your child. Pupils cannot wait at the foyer if there are delays in collection, as the 'class bubbles' would be compromised.
6. Reminder re masks- DE guidance states that pupils and the majority of staff will not need to wear masks. However, pupils travelling on taxis and buses are advised to wear masks if parents deem that appropriate. As per my earlier letter if your child is wearing a reusable mask, ensure that he/she has a sealable bag to place it in whilst not wearing it.
7. We have sanitisation arrangements in place to ensure that ipads and laptops can be shared hygienically between pupils however it would be a huge help if your child could bring in a pair of cheap headphones/ ear buds for his/her own use only, to reduce the number of pupils sharing the class sets.

I conclude by assuring you that we are very excited at the prospect of seeing the children again next week. I am confident that we will all work together to make St Clare's Abbey as safe as can be.

Yours in partnership,
Mrs Monaghan.

