

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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Headteacher - Start of the Day Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you so much for all the support you have shown us thus far this year. It has been wonderful to see so many of you attend our Maths and Reading workshops and we have more planned for the weeks and months ahead.

The children have settled really well in to all year groups and are already in a clear routine for their learning.

Staff have shared that there seems to be some confusion around start times to the day.

We expect all children to have coats off and be in their phonics group with their group teacher at 9am.

To ease this process the office and class teachers are requesting the children arrive to their class door by 8.55am at the absolute latest. This will enable your child to be registered and sent straight to their phonics group, ready to learn all by 9am.

I am sure you will appreciate that while you may just have one child to drop off at reception/year 1/year 2, staff are dealing with 30 children in each class.

We understand traffic can be difficult on occasion and would ask that you leave early to accommodate any traffic challenges along your route.

We also want to bring breakfast club to your attention. We are aware a large number of you are dropping older siblings at their schools and if it would help, we could look into supporting you with breakfast club. Breakfast club is open at 7.45am. Traffic around school is significantly quieter at this time and children have a smoother start to the morning, as do the rest of the family members who then in turn, do not need to suffer the stresses of rush hour traffic.

Please do chat to the school office if you would like to know more about Breakfast Club.



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Lastly, we are extremely keen to work together and as a Catholic school, we would remind everyone that we are all responsible for upholding our virtues. Kindness and love towards each other are at the forefront.

We want everyone to have a positive start to the day and by working together we can achieve this.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please arrange an appointment to see either myself, or Miss Smith with the office staff.

God Bless

Mrs Dodds
Headteacher