



All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy

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“We shall serve.”

Mark 10:45 - *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Return to School in September

As we come to the end of a somewhat unusual and unprecedented term at All Saints', we wanted to provide you with some information which we hope you will find useful as we welcome all of our children back to full time education in September.

Hopefully, you will have seen information from myself and Mr Hutchinson with regards to this year's GCSE and A'level results day procedures and the associated appeals process. If you have a child in either year groups, please do read the information carefully and of course, if you have any questions contact the school.

As a reminder, the first week of the Autumn term will be timetabled as follows:

Tuesday 31st August – Administration day (no students in school)

Wednesday 1st September – INSET day (no students in school)

Thursday 2nd September – Lateral Flow Tests (only for children who have been given permission in all year groups)

Friday 3rd September – Years 7,11 and 12

Monday 6th September – All year groups

The easing of restrictions took place on 19th July. In light of these announcements, we are planning for a normal start to the term. In essence, we hope to return to everyday life at All Saints', as it was before the start of the Pandemic. Essentially, this will mean that students experience their lessons within the traditional department zones and classrooms and not within the bubbles they have worked in this academic year, **although this is subject to change, depending on any future change in government guidance.**

Whilst the last eighteen months have been without doubt, extremely challenging, there have been a few lessons learnt from our experience which we would like to continue with next year. First of all, parents' evenings will continue to function using the SchoolCloud IT software. The response from both parents/carers and colleagues has been overwhelmingly positive and in response to this feedback, we will continue to use this system to book parents' evenings for all year groups.

The second major change is in relation to the play zones which were instigated to ensure that the integrity of children's bubbles remained intact. We have found that these play zones have had a very positive impact on the unstructured times of the day as children have enjoyed having their own, designated play area. We do think that students should be able to mix with peers which is why we have created three play zones.

There will be a bespoke area for Year 7, one zone for Years 8 and 9 and a final zone for our Years 10 and 11 students. Of course, Sixth Form students have their own facilities with the addition of an extra catering facility serving hot food and snacks on a daily basis.

The timings of the school day will remain the same as illustrated in the table.

"The school is a cohesive and inclusive community characterised by pupils who are highly respectful of each other and very polite. The overall achievement of pupils has remained strong and pupils make good progress overall."

The School Day:

Time	Activity
08.55 – 09.50	Period 1
09.55 – 10.50	Period 2
10.55 – 11.15	Tutor time
11.15 – 11.30	Break
11.30 – 12.25	Period 3
12.25 – 13.00	Lunch
13.05 – 14.00	Period 4
14.05 – 15.00	Period 5
15.05 – 15.35	Progress Period

Lateral Flow Tests

As mentioned in the letter, Thursday 2nd September is our opportunity to test children for Covid. This is in line with Governmental guidance and is very similar to the process which took place in January. Please send your child to school only if you have already granted consent, **the deadline for this is by the end of the school day on 20th July**. The school has made plans to offer a test to those children only and is unable to test children who just arrive on that particular day. As you can imagine, trying to manage large numbers of children who arrive at school without consent would be extremely difficult to respond to. In addition, those children who are taking part in the LFT will be tested again on Monday 6th September in school. The school buses are running as per usual and your child will be able to remain in school until the end of the day. However, if you would like to pick your child up earlier, please contact reception to make them aware.

Face masks

In September, all children must continue to wear a face mask on all school buses and public transport. Due to the high number of cases that are being reported locally, we would like all children to wear masks as they move around the school site. 'Masks for movement' was an easy way of reminding all members of the community as to when and where they should wear a mask. The main difference is that students in lessons had to wear a mask, this will not continue in September unless they choose to do so. Please note that this may change.

Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)

From September 2021, all students will receive a 30 minute RSHE (also referred to as PSCHÉ – Personal, Social, Citizenship and Health Education) lesson per week, during the progress period. The curriculum will include topic areas as outlined by the DfE ([Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-and-health-education-guidance)), to include:

1. Mental wellbeing
2. Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)
3. Online Safety
4. Physical health
5. Careers, Advice, Information and Guidance
6. British Value, finance and debate

We will use a range of external providers and resources and will be delivered by staff specifically trained within each topic area.

If you wish your child to opt out of the RSE element, please email admin@allsaints.notts.sch.uk with their name and tutor group (if known).

Toilets

Previously, each year group or bubble used one specific set of toilets at all times. Hand sanitiser stations continue to be positioned outside each toilet area to allow children to sanitise their hands when entering or leaving the toilets. However, there will not be a need to continue with the segregation of toilets and the finer details will be shared with children on the first day of term. Incidentally, the toilets in the Science block will have been completely refurbished offering state of the art toilet facilities for children.

Extra-curricular activities

We hope to offer a full suite of activities for all students. You will be aware that '4th Wall' and '6th Wall' offer an extensive range of Performing Arts activities and these will continue as per usual. All sports and academic activities will re-commence with designated times and days. These events will be shared with all children at the start of the academic year.

Behaviour for Learning

We pride ourselves on maintaining extremely high standards of behaviour at all times. The Behaviour for Learning policy has been slightly modified and ratified by the Local Governing Body. A copy of which can be found on the school's website.

Our policy with regards to mobile telephones is exactly the same as before, all students should hand in their mobile phones before the start of school and collect it at the end in a safe and secure manner.

Attendance

All Saints' enjoys very high levels of attendance, may I remind you of the following obligations as highlighted by the Department for Education and Standards.

- Parents and carers have a duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where that child is a registered student at school and of a compulsory school age
- Schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up all absences
- The possibility to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority's guidelines

If your child is unwell for whatever reason or is unable to attend school, please notify school as soon as possible.

Mental Health and well-being support

Miss Flint has worked extremely hard to create a variety of resources which children have been able to access during the last academic year. We will continue with her excellent work and in September each year group will continue to have a specially trained mental health support worker linked to their year group whose role will be to support all children who are demonstrating symptoms of stress or anxiety. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact their form tutor or Year Progress Leader in the first instance.

School Equipment

Please ensure that your child has with them the right equipment on a daily basis. Students will need the following equipment.

- ❖ A pencil case
- ❖ An apron (for Design and Food Technology lessons)
- ❖ Pens
- ❖ Pencils
- ❖ A Ruler (15 cm)
- ❖ A Protractor
- ❖ Colouring pencils
- ❖ A pair of scissors
- ❖ A glue stick
- ❖ A Compass with pencil
- ❖ A Calculator (For children in Years 7 and 8, a basic calculator is sufficient. Students in Years 9 to 11 will need a Scientific calculator: The Head of Mathematics recommends the Casio calculator in the image, although other makes and models are available and suitable.)
- ❖ Mini-whiteboard and board pen (this will be provided to each child in September).
- ❖ Students will be given their new school organiser in September as well as the All Saints' Absolutes (knowledge organisers), which will be vital in helping them complete self-quizzing homework. More information on this will be communicated closer to the start of the new term.



School Uniform

Our high expectations with regards to school uniform will continue to apply and students must wear their full school uniform every day to school when they don't have PE. May I remind you that all children must wear black trousers this is in line with the changes to the uniform policy as endorsed by the Governing Body. Students will continue to come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. This must be the correct kit as outlined in the uniform policy on the website. Spot checks will be carried out to ensure students are dressed appropriately.

Parent messaging system and Go 4 Schools Parent Portal

To ensure that you receive important messages and information from school we would urge you to download the 'My Ed' app from the app store on your device and follow the prompts.

The 'Go 4 Schools' parent portal enables you to track the progress of your child online and see real-time attainment information such as attendance figures, timetable and reports. Please follow the link [Go 4 Schools Parent Portal - All Saints' Catholic Academy](#) which will take you to the school website for further information and detailed login instructions.

Conclusion

On behalf of all of our colleagues, we would like to thank you once more for your kind words of support and encouragement during these last few months. It has been extremely challenging and the beauty of working in a Catholic community is the ability to pray and seek a huge amount of solace from our faith.

Our Catholic values have provided us with the inspiration to continue to serve our children and make sure that they are looked after in every possible way. Inevitably, as at the end of every year, we say 'goodbye' to a small number of staff and we wish them every success as they start a new job or move to pastures new.

Finally, we wish you all a very restful, calm and safe summer break and we look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Best wishes,



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Head Teacher



Mr Hutchinson
Deputy Head Teacher