



# Holy Child Primary and Nursery School

As parents, many of you have mixed feelings about the beginning of the new school year. You may have looked forward to it and the summer holidays seemed never ending, on the other hand your child/ren is now another year older and this can be a little upsetting. Please rest assured that your child/ren are being well cared while they are at Holy Child. However, if you have any concerns, please speak to your child's teacher or myself. At the beginning of the year we have lots of information to send home please take the time to read this newsletter as it will answer many of the questions you have about routines in the school.

I would also like to thank all of you for your messages of congratulations and support on my recent appointment as Principal and I look forward to working with you all and supporting your child as they progress through the school.

Mrs Cullen

## Morning and afternoons

The school is open each morning from 8.15am. Entry to the school is via the black side gate.

P.1 & 2 children go to the Meet and Greet room in Foundation corridor until 8.30 then will be in their playground. All other children can go to the playground, computer suite, library or breakfast club. Parents are welcome to accompany their child/ren to Breakfast Club in the canteen. Classes begin at 9am sharp, therefore the gates will be closed at 9.05am and entry to school will then be through main entrance.

P.1 & P.2 can be collected at 2.15pm from their classrooms please exit through black gate again.

P.3 finish at 3pm and can be collected at foyer door. P4 – P7 can be collected at red gates.



One of our Primary 5 pupils, **Liam Dornan**, is the regional finalist representing Northern Ireland in the BIC Young Artist of the Year Award. His artwork is on display on billboards around the city. The winner is decided by a public vote and we would be grateful if you would take the time to vote for him at:

<https://www.bickids.com/uk/youngartist>



## Kidz Club

Kidz Club runs every afternoon from 3-5 pm. It costs £3 per child or £2 each if siblings are attending. Please put money in a yellow envelope (available from the school) and mark Kidz Club. As this is a very popular club and numbers are limited, we would ask that you pay Caroline before 9am or you can pay in advance.

Please check out weekly notices on website  
<http://holychildps.co.uk>

### Healthy Eating

To promote healthy eating, children can eat fruit, milk or water at break time. In P1 & 2 snack is provided for the children. P3 can buy fruit for 10p and P4-7 fruit for 20p.

We would ask all parents for co-operation in making healthy packed lunches.

**Please note we have a child with a potential life threatening nut allergy therefore no nut products are allowed in school.**



### Uniform

We have over 200 children in Holy Child Primary and Nursery and all the children look amazing in their new school uniform. I know that buying a full uniform is expensive and you will understand that it is impossible for staff to return found items when there is no name on jumpers, cardigans, coats etc therefore I would ask that you write your child's name on all items. If you wish you can get the child's name embroidered on jumpers and for the older children this can be on the back of the jumper in navy.

### PE uniform

P.E. uniform is:

Red T-shirt (with or without logo)

Navy bottoms (shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms)

Black plimsolls or change of trainers(not outdoor shoes)

Please note P1 children **do not need** a P.E. uniform but will need black plimsolls

Again please label children's belongings etc.



### Dinner money

If possible, please put dinner money into yellow envelopes available from teachers. Fill in the child's name, class and amount. Please ensure the correct money is given as change is sometimes not available. Again if possible please pay in advance on Monday.

### Snack Money

P1 & 2 parents are asked to pay voluntary contribution of £2 per week and P3's £1 per week this will be used to buy treats for the children.



### Signing children out

Please do not sign your child out of school early unless absolutely necessary as it disturbs their learning. If you have to sign your child out please try to inform a member of staff in the morning



It is important that we have correct contact details for all children especially phone numbers so that we can contact at least one adult for every child in case of emergencies. Therefore, please notify office of any change in address, telephone etc.