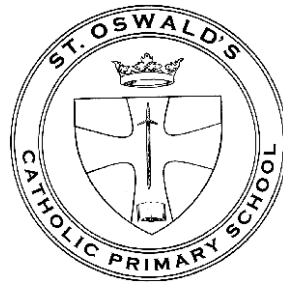




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new term, I hope that you all had a lovely break with your children and you are refreshed and ready for the new academic year. A special welcome to all those parents who are new to the School, I hope that your children will have a very happy time and love coming to St. Oswald's.

It may have been a long time since some children were in full time school but, the children came in today and it's like they have never been away. They are truly fabulous.

Thank you for the cooperation with the new systems of dropping off and picking up, these are essential to prevent too many adults gathering around school. **Please try to stick with your allocated times**, this would be greatly appreciated.

After the change in government guidance to schools about face covering, **school will now be asking all adults to wear masks when on school premises, including our outside spaces**. School staff will be allowed to wear face coverings' when meeting other adults around the buildings and on the yards. Staff will not be wearing masks around the children, and children do not need masks in school.

As stated previously, we are limiting the number of belongings that children bring in from home to avoid cross contamination, so we have asked that PE kits come into school on a Monday and are left in school until Friday when it can go home to be washed. Packed lunches should be brought to school in disposable bags or disposable containers. Stationary resources will be provided for all children, but if you wish to bring in your own it should only be essentials that would fit in their tray and left in school for the whole week like your PE kit. Water bottles should be brought in each day and taken home each night to be cleaned. Can I also make a plea that school bags be as small as possible, we struggle to accommodate large bags and they are not necessary.

Just a few other things to make the term start smoothly, can I ask that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name as lost property, as you can imagine with so many children, this can be a big problem. Additionally school **footwear must be plain black** with no stripes, ticks etc. Children who have no school shoes will be asked to wear black pumps. Children's hair, whether boys or girls must be tied back if long, this is for hygiene reasons and prevents the spread of head lice.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to a happy and successful year for us all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mary Walsh
Headteacher