



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. A few notes to clarify arrangements:

- School uniform: please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform from Monday. The correct uniform is outlined in the prospectus on the web site at <https://www.stmonicasprimary.co.uk/page/prospectus/100341>, and it is pictured (and available) from <https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/primary-schools/st-monicas-catholic-primary-school/>. Please note that you are not obliged to buy items with a logo on, but can obtain the same items from most supermarkets at reasonable prices. They should be the same colours and styles as illustrated in the above web sites. In particular, please don't send your child into school in trainers and jogging pants on non PE days. *Please also label your child's clothes so lost jumpers and coats can be quickly reunited with their owners.*

- School bags are welcome back, from Monday 6th September. If possible, please get a school style bag (available at <https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/primary-schools/st-monicas-catholic-primary-school/>) rather than a bulky back pack.



- On PE days we ask the children to come into school in PE kit.

Reception: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1: Wednesday and Friday

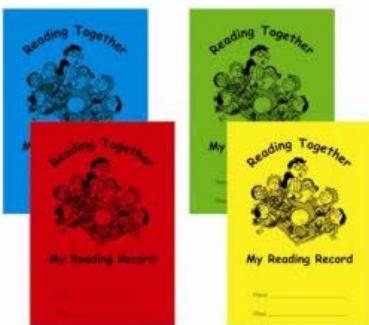
Year 2: Monday and Wednesday

Year 3: Monday and Thursday

Year 4: Monday and Tuesday

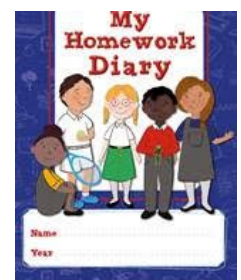
Year 5: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6: Wednesday and Friday



- Paper reading diaries will be coming home as soon as they arrive in school. Please make use of them to have a dialogue with the teacher about your child's reading.

- Our Catholic Diaries will also be coming home next week. Please share the Gospel readings and activities with your child. We are asking for a £3.00 donation via Parent Pay for these diaries.



- Homework will start at the end of next week and will be set on Google Classroom. Hard copies of some worksheets and books for writing in will be sent home as required.
- Entries and Exits ... we are keeping these arrangements under review and will be in touch with any changes to the plans. From next week, staff will be aware of the need to relieve the queuing by getting the gates open promptly at 8.45 am and allowing children to come straight in and go to their lines.
- Extra-curricular clubs will start up w/b 13.9.21.



- Communications ... we aim to use our weekly Newsletter, which will come out on a Wednesday, to share all information and messages. Please note that although we hope it is full of good news, it is also intended to be a source of useful information.



- On Wednesday 15th September at 6 – 6.30 pm and again at 6.30 – 7 pm we will hold two Meet the Teacher meetings by Google Meet. Make sure you have your child's Google Classroom log ins as the meeting code will be shared via their Google Classroom pages. These meetings will enable you to hear some class specific information from the Class Teachers, and ask questions – either live or in the chat. The two sessions will cover the same information to allow you to attend for more than one child; for those with more than two children, we will put save powerpoints to Google Classroom and take questions by email to the school office at stmonicas_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk



- National Changes to Covid Rules:
 - The new guidance from the DfE is that if you are a close contact of a person who is positive for Covid you do not have to self isolate if you are under 18 or if you are over 18 but have been double jabbed. If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact you will be advised to get a PCR test as soon as possible and to monitor closely for Covid symptoms. If you do notice Covid symptoms in the ten days following your identification as a close contact you should then stay home and get a PCR test. Please see attached a [letter from Warrington Borough Council](#) about the new arrangements.

- School Arrangements to Manage Covid Risks:
 - More frequent cleaning of surfaces that are often touched.
 - Assemblies being held virtually. No bubbles outside where the fresh air mitigates the risk.
 - Entries at different gates (arrangements under review to limit the current queuing).
 - Adults in school wearing masks in communal areas and maintaining social distancing from each other.



- Arrangements for siblings to arrive and leave school together: The arrangements from next week are that siblings should arrive to the gate of the youngest member of the family and be picked up from the gate of the oldest member of the family. This is because the older children can move independently from their younger sibling's gate to their own class in the morning. In the afternoon, with the staggered finishing time we want to avoid the older children missing the last 15 minutes of every day, and so the staff will deliver their children to their own class's gate and then walk or send children round to the other gates. These are the class gates and times:

- R ... 8.45 / 3.15 ... the gate on the field opposite the Leisure Centre.
- Y1 ... 8.45 / 3.15 ... the gate on Broomfields Road near the electricity sub station.
- Y2 ... 8.45 / 3.15 ... the front gate on St. Monica's Close.
- Y3 ... 8.45 / 3.30 ... the front gate on St. Monica's Close.
- Y4 ... 8.45 / 3.30 ... the gate on Broomfields Road near the electricity sub station.
- Y5 and Y6 ... 8.45 / 3.30 ... the gate on the field opposite the Leisure Centre.

- Dates for events throughout the term will be on the web site by the end of next week. Look out for the first Newsletter of the year next Wednesday.

- If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I can then answer your questions and consider clarifying the issue for other parents through the Newsletter. My email is stmonicas_primary_head@sch.warrington.gov.uk

It has been lovely to see the children back in school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs. Norman