



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

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Bishop Chadwick
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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is wonderful to be settled back in from our Easter holidays. I hope that you have all enjoyed a happy and holy Easter break with your loved ones. It has certainly been a busy start to the term so far but we are very much looking forward to an exciting summer term, which will hopefully bring some easing of restrictions in certain areas. We will continue to follow our risk assessment, in line with government guidance, and communicate any updates as they come to light. The safety of our pupils remains paramount and regulations are closely adhered to, at all times, in school. Please continue to support us by following social distancing guidelines and ensuring that if your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, they remain at home and are given a PCR/Lateral Flow test where necessary.

We appreciate your feedback on what we implement and other ideas and letters we send out. I understand that the attendance letter did not sit well with some parents. This letter was meant as an awareness for you of your child's attendance and for you as parents to work with us. As a school, we are held to account against national standards for attendance and we must strive for consistently good attendance. We do know there are genuine reasons for children's absence and this is not what we would be questioning. Bubble closures and isolation was not counted as an absence, a special code was given to school by the Dfe as was lockdown. Please keep us updated if your child is absent from school.

We are a 'Nut Free' School

Please note at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School we are a Nut-Free school. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes.

The following items must not be brought into school:

Packs of nuts

Peanut butter or Nutella

Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts

Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts

Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)

Cakes made with nuts

Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts



We have a policy not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products. However, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces. We cannot give out any sweets brought in from home to be given out as birthday treats.

What types of food are nuts?

Almonds, Cashew nuts, Hazelnut, Pistachio, Walnuts, Brazil nuts, Nut oils, Peanuts

The school requests that parents and carers observe the nut-free policy and therefore do not include nuts, or any traces of nuts, in packed lunches.

Important changes from next week

Please note:

- Pupils, staff and other adults must not enter school premises if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 **or** a member of their household is displaying symptoms **or** they have had a positive test result. Pupils must not attend if they or anyone in their household is waiting for the results of a test.
- Gates will be opened at 8:45am and all children will be able to access school from 8:45-9:00am when the school gates will be closed again.

Pick up times:

Nursery – children for morning sessions should arrive at 8.45 am and be collected at 11.45 am, children for afternoon sessions should arrive at 12.15 pm and be collected at 3.15 pm.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 are to be collected at **3:00pm**

Year 4, 5 and 6 will leave school at **3:15pm**.

All children will wait in a line on their school yard and parents will be directed onto the yard in small numbers to collect their children.

Lower building-parents to leave as usual by the pedestrian gate.

Upper building-parents to leave by the pedestrian gate and along the school drive.

Year 6 will leave via the school drive as they have been doing since September.

Please note: arrival time for ALL PUPILS is between 8:45 and 9:00am. If you need your child to be in school before this time, you must book a slot at breakfast club.

- Please wear a face mask when collecting your child and **only one adult** should collect your child. Please follow the one-way system on the main yard. Adults must not congregate at the school gates. Your Y5/6 child can walk home if we have written permission.
- Parents and carers should not come to the school entrance without an appointment.
- Pupils are not permitted to bring in toys or own stationery from home. Pupils should only bring essential items - lunch box/water bottle.
- Pupils should wear full school uniform or their PE uniform on PE days.

Please return all remaining devices by Friday 30th April. These should be brought to school in a plastic bag so they can be quarantined.

- Teatime club will resume on Tuesday 4th May (3pm-4:45pm). Please book your place via emailing wraparound.ourladyrosary@durhamlearning.net and pay in advance via Parent Pay. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Dates for your diary:

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 30 th April 2021	Tuesday 4 th May 2021
Summer Half term	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 7 th June 2021
Summer	Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Tuesday 7 th September 2021

School will be closed for two further Professional Development days this school year:
Friday 2nd July and Friday 23rd July 2021

Absence

If your child is absent, **please ring the school office and leave a message** (0191 5862264).

You do not need to speak to a member of staff or email your child's teacher.

If you have a new mobile number or you have changes such as addresses, home numbers etc, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Parent Meetings

During the week beginning 10th May, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. As in the Autumn term, this will be held via telephone.

Please see the accompanying letter with details about how you can book your slot.



Sun Smart = Sun Safe

As the temperature rises and Summer arrives, please help us be sun smart:

- Children should bring sun hats/caps to school to wear at playtimes.
- Sun screen use is encouraged and parents are asked to apply long lasting sun screen to children before school.
- Children are permitted to bring their own named sun screen to school to be kept in their bag for their own individual use.

However, parents are asked to teach their children how to sensibly use and apply this sun screen. Staff will not apply sun screen to any children and children must only use their own sun screen.

Our Prayer...

**Alleluia,
We rejoice in this time of
Easter!
Give us eyes to see the
best in everyone around
us.
Give us open
hearts to share
and to love.
Give us lips to offer a word of
encouragement to
someone who needs it
and
a smile of welcome to all.
Amen**



If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office or your child's teacher on Class Dojo. We do hope you enjoy your bank holiday weekend,

Mrs Graham

Acting Executive Head

Mrs Sutherland

Deputy Headteacher