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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible week for pupils and staff!!

It has been wonderful to see our children adapt so quickly to their new surroundings. Both for staff and children it has been an amazing week of firsts! We have all managed to finish the first week, and now a weekend of rest and recuperation before we all start again on Monday.

The children and staff have all been amazing as they have all only been together for four days. A huge thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication, to creating such an amazing new St John Vianney School.

School Office

The school office will be open to visitors from 8.30am. Any correspondence should be emailed to the school office office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org Appointments with teachers can be made via the school office email, as staff are on duty and unavailable for formal conversations at drop-off and pick-up times.

Latecomers

It is vital that your child arrives at school on time, **gates will be opened at 8:30am and locked at 8.45am**. Latecomers are causing a significant safeguarding concern, as several parents are sending pupils in from the top of Hillhead Road on their own after 8:45am when there are no staff there. If you bring your child to school after 8:45am you **MUST** walk them around to the main office green buzzer entrance and hand them over to a staff member, otherwise school will not know they are meant to be in school. You will then be asked to wait just outside this gate until a member of staff can allow your child access to the school grounds, this may take a few minutes as all staff are allocated to classrooms.

It is easier and better for everyone, most importantly your child, that they are in school on time, with all of their friends, so if there are issues with an 8:45am start please contact the school office to discuss this.



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PE KITS

This year we are doing things slightly differently, no child will need to carry their PE bag into school. Pupils will be asked to come into school wearing their PE KIT one day per week. They should wear a red school jumper, white PE t-shirt with SJV logo, dark black or navy-blue shorts, dark black or navy-blue track suit bottoms and trainers (Please do not go out and purchase expensive trainers)

Year Group	Day to wear PE Kit to school
Reception	Tuesday
Year One	Monday
Year Two	Wednesday
Year Three	Wednesday
Year Four	Thursday
Year Five	Tuesday
Year Six	Thursday

On their PE day they do not wear school uniform, they need to come into school dressed in their PE kit all day.

WATERBOTTLES

Please DO NOT send in huge water bottles, pupils only need to come in wearing their school uniform and bring their small school red book bag, a small 500ml -1l water bottle will suffice as all classrooms have sinks and access to fresh water.

SCHOOL BAGS

There is NO space in school to store large bags, so please DO NOT send your child in with one. Due to the level of parental concern raised about this by parents, school has decided to purchase every child a brand-new SJV book bag. The order has been placed today, so over the coming few weeks we will give every child a new one.

LUNCHTIMES

Small lunch bags can be brought into school, packed lunches are currently being eaten in classrooms and in the hall, on an ad-hoc basis. Once we have more details about the timing of the installation of the new school kitchen, we will update you. Currently there are no hot meals served, as there is not a fully fitted functioning kitchen yet.

Above all, thank you all so much for all your on-going support and appreciation of the herculean effort it has taken for staff to have everything ready. It is a joy to walk around both building and hear happy contented children enjoying their new learning spaces. Staff, including myself, have been so appreciative of the positive feedback we have received from you and your children.

Best wishes,

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