

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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## Welcome back!



**And it is good to be back !**



We continue to work hard together to keep our community safe. Thank you for your cooperation, good humour and patience as we share and develop our practise to make the very best of our current situation.



**Please see overleaf  
some important  
information.**

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## Entering and exiting our school site

Please do your best to maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting your child. Especially at the school gate. The queuing system has been working well, thank you for your help. Please remember that the weather will not always be as good as now so be prepared for a wet day too, bring an umbrella! Earlier this year we had begun to investigate the possibility of providing a second parents' shelter but this is not possible under current requirements.

## PE kit

PE day is Thursday (or Wednesday, if you are in Reception Class)  
Please send your child to school in their PE kit on these days so that they will not need to bring a bag into school. This also applies to dance sessions for those children who take part in this.

## Rucksack type bags not allowed from Monday

Please note that this type of bag must not come into school. Reading books must come in to school either in the traditional school (blue, with school logo) bookbag, otherwise a ziplock style bag with your child's name on it. PE kit (as above).

## Homework

For now, this will simply be Reading, Spellings and Times-table practise.

## 'Summer Learning from home' packs

If you are proud of the hard work that your child has put into their Summer Learning packs please return them to school next week. We would like to celebrate the hard work and might even have a prize or two as a reward!

## Water Bottles- name labels please

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle and it has their name on it.

## Year 6 - Secondary School Application

This is an important time of year if your child is currently in Year 6.

Applications must be submitted for their Secondary School by the end of October and there is a lot of work to be done before that. The children were sent home with a letter this week, if you haven't received it please ask in school and also check the school website for a copy. If you are unsure please ask.

## Contact with school

We always have tried to maintain good, simple and straightforward communication with you. Often one of the best ways was that short conversation at the beginning or end of the school day. Of course this is not

possible under current restrictions where we have to limit entry to the school site. So if you have 'quick information' that you need to share, write a note. If there is something that needs a little more time, please contact the school and arrange a telephone call.

Remember, a senior member of staff is always around at the beginning and end of the day too.

## School Uniforms

Well done for your amazing efforts, the children are looking great. We continue to try to maintain our stocks and orders but supply is restricted and has suffered delays in delivery. We will have a further uniform sale/ opportunity to order, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2-3pm.

## Our Church

Faith is at the centre of our school community; our school community is a central part of our parish and Mass is the most beautiful gift of our Church. Sunday Mass is celebrated at the following times: Saturday 6pm Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 12:00midday. Please try to go along. 'Covid secure' means bring a facemask and something warm to wear as the windows are open for fresh air.

Fr Jack has been missing you!

*As ever, thank you all for your support and good will.*