

Our Lady's Girls' Primary School

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UPDATE AUGUST 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you and your family are all keeping well. This time last year I wrote to you with information regarding the plans we had in place for reopening school. No one dreamt that we would be facing similar problems for a second year running.

School begins again for all pupils on Tuesday 31 August at 9am to 12 noon – there will be no school dinners or school bus. Full school day from Wednesday 1 September, with bus and dinners back up and running as normal.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & SCHOOL BAGS

As you are aware, we relaxed our school uniform policy last year. From the beginning of the school term, we are reintroducing our full school uniform.

Please see the list of acceptable uniform here, on the right hand side. *Please*

*Note: There is a **Uniform Swap Shop** tomorrow, Friday 6 August in the school yard – please see school Facebook.*

We had hoped to reintroduce school bags and homework books in September.

At the moment this is not possible, due to Covid. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will let parents know. Thank you for working with us on this issue.

School Uniform

- ◆ navy pinafore or skirt
- ◆ white open neck blouse or polo top
- ◆ school jumper
- ◆ white/navy socks or tights
- ◆ sensible black shoes with straps or laces—no pumps

PE Uniform

- ◆ black PE shoes - no laces
- ◆ navy PE shorts
- ◆ white T-shirt

Summer Uniform

Blue & white checked dress

Uniform Suppliers:

- ~Sports Company, Yorkgate
- ~Tiny Togs, Crumlin Road

SCHOOL MEALS, SNACKS & UNIFORM GRANTS HELPDESK

We hope that you have applied for Free School Meals. If you have not, then the Free Schools Meals and Uniform Grants Helpdesk is available to assist parents who may have any queries. The Helpdesk operates Mon–Fri 9.00am to 4.30pm and can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk.

The telephone number which should be used for all enquiries is: (028) 9041 8044.

Those children bringing a packed lunch to school should use a wipeable, plastic lunchbox. **Parents should continue to provide a healthy snack for their child at break times. Healthy snacks include, fruit, veg, plain yogurt or bread.**

I want to assure you that the staff of Our Lady's will continue to do their very best to keep your children safe. Before coming back to school, it is important to explain again to your daughter that she will not mix with children outside of her own class group. The classes will work, play and eat in their group bubbles. In school we will reinforce the need for careful hygiene at various times during each day. At home, continue to encourage your daughter to practise:

- Washing her hands thoroughly
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue or her elbow
- Keeping hands to herself and not touching surfaces unnecessarily

We want to remind you that there is a **Care Zone Family Connections Day tomorrow in our school playground**. There will be plenty to see and do for all the family! – see Facebook for details.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer holidays. We will be in touch with parents again at the end of August with a reminder of starting and finishing times – these will be the same as they were in June, and with any further updates or news. In the meantime, stay safe and keep well.

Yours sincerely,

Emer Hughes