

Our Lady's Girls' Primary School

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OUR LADY'S GIRLS'
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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BACK TO SCHOOL AUGUST 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you and your family are all keeping well. We have only five more sleeps until school starts for our Deanby girls! We are looking forward to seeing them next **Tuesday 31 August at 9am to 12 noon** – there will be no school dinners or school bus. Our first full school day (for P2-P6) is from Wednesday 1 September, with bus and dinners, up and running as normal. P1 parents will have heard from Mrs Kelly about their particular starting dates. Breakfast Club will be up and running from 1 September: £1 for breakfast and 50p for supervision only. Club is not open to girls who arrive by school bus.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & SCHOOL BAGS




As mentioned earlier in August, our girls will be in full school uniform. Please see the list of uniform and suppliers at the end of this letter.

Following guidance from DE last week we have decided to allow school bags for children in Primary 3 to 7. Children in Primary 1 & 2 will be issued with a 'Book Bag' from their teacher, and do not need a school bag. 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.**

STARTING & FINISHING TIMES

For this term, we will keep to the same starting and finishing pattern as last term; please see the table below. This means that your child can arrive at school between 8.50 and 9.10am. Any child arriving after this time will be marked 'late'.

Please make sure that your daughter comes to school:

-  on time
-  with everything she needs for her school day - lunch, break, water, coat
-  knowing how she is getting home – bus, walking, being collected

Please DO NOT ring the school office during the school day with messages to be delivered to your child. Our office staff cannot leave the office and many of our classrooms have no phones.

Finishing Times Mon-Thurs		Friday
P1	2.00pm	1.30pm
P2	2.00pm	1.30pm
P3	2.00pm	1.30pm
P4	2.30pm	1.40pm
P5	2.30pm	1.40pm
P6	2.40pm	1.40pm
P7	2.40pm	1.40pm
Early Bus	2.00pm	1.25pm
Late Bus	2.35pm	1.45pm

I would ask you again to talk to your daughter, before coming back to school. We will be keeping our children in their class bubbles for the foreseeable future and we will reinforce the need for careful hygiene 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 hope for a productive term ahead. We need your cooperation to keep our community safe. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Many thanks for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Emer Hughes

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

**PARENTS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL YARD AND MUST WEAR A MASK WHEN
AT THE SCHOOL GATES, SOCIALLY DISTANCING FROM OTHERS**