

# St Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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ST NORBERT'S IS A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Parents' Questionnaire

Thank you for your overwhelmingly positive responses to our most recent parent / carer questionnaire. It is, of course, important for us to acknowledge what we are doing well and build upon these successes. However, your honest feedback is extremely important to us so that we can identify what and where we still need to improve.

For these reasons, and if you have not yet completed a questionnaire, your child will be provided with a second copy. Please do complete this and return it to me as soon as possible. Should you feel unable to 'agree' with any statement, or feel you need more information to do so, please contact me for further discussion. Thank you.

## Sickness

You will no doubt already be aware that there have been several instances of sickness affecting children over the past week. I have contacted Public Health England to explore possible causes and quality assure our response. Our joint conclusion has been that there appears to be a particularly virulent strain of sickness 'bug' locally.

We have already taken control measures within school, including enhanced cleaning and disinfection each day. Some activities have been changed temporarily, particularly in the Early Years, to reduce the likelihood of germs being passed on. However, Public Health England tell me that the best course of action – which we had already taken – was to promote thorough hand-washing.

If your child is feeling unwell, please do not send him / her to school until well enough to return. Should he / she experience vomiting or diarrhoea, the earliest point at which he / she should return to school would be 48 hours after the last incident.

Public Health England have reassured me that although unpleasant, there appear to be no lasting ill-effects from this sort of sickness and recovery is usually rapid.

## Big Lent Walk

Last Friday, adults and children participated in our 'CAFOD Big Lent Walk' around the school grounds as part of our Catholic life and mission. Our £200 target has been significantly beaten and the current total collected is more than double what we set out to achieve. If you still have sponsorship money to return to school, please do so by the end of this week so that we can forward the total



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collected to CAFOD. Your support and generosity, particularly in the current economic climate, is humbling. Thank you.

### **Easter Bingo**

Our Easter Bingo, organised by the Friends of St Norbert's, took place yesterday evening. The event was a huge success. I would like to thank you for supporting us by sending in prizes for the bingo on mufti day. Again, I am grateful for your kind generosity but would like to remind you that my door is always open should requests for support in this way ever become a burden. Thanks also must be shown for our wonderful PTA, who work so hard to organise a calendar of events over the year.

### **New Caretaker**

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mr James Brady to be our new Caretaker. James worked part-time at our school for ten years, leaving at the start of 2022 to pursue a full-time role in another setting. He is returning to work with us on a full-time basis and it is a great pleasure to welcome him back; I am sure that he will do an excellent job.

### **Holiday Activities**

Eligible primary and secondary age pupils can access a range of 'Fuelled' activities during the school holidays. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

If you think your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals, please use the following link: <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/school-food-and-free-school-meals/> .

### **Volunteers Needed**

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we frequently welcomed volunteers into school who listened to children read or provided some additional help in classes. This proved highly beneficial and is something that we now feel able to consider restarting, if possible.

The most helpful solution would be if volunteers could commit to a particular time slot once agreed so that Class Teachers can plan accordingly. We would also be required to carry out necessary DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks.

If you know anyone who may be interested (perhaps a parent, carer or grandparent for example), then please do ask them to contact the school office about this. Thank you.

### **Name Tags / Labels**

Please ensure that your child's clothes are labelled with his / her name. Occasionally items of clothing go missing and the chances of reuniting these with their owners are greatly increased when name labels are clear and obvious.

The PTA have found one possible supplier of name tags and use of this company can also support school fundraising. If this is something you would like to use, please see the attached flier for more information.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT Music Lessons**

I previously sent you information about the option to pay for music lessons through our multi-academy trust. Please complete and return your response by Friday if this is something you wish to arrange for your child.

### **Bags2School**

The next Bags2School collection takes place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. Please bring any items you wish to donate to school on that morning as we do not have space to store items beforehand.

Bags can be taken into the school at 8:30am using the first door at the side of the hall. If you have too much to carry down and it would be easier to bring your car, please wait until all children have entered school and then call at the vehicle gate. All bags need to be in school by 9am. Thank you, on behalf of the PTA, for your support.

### **Easter Holiday**

School closes for the Easter break on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March; please note that there will be no Goldstar after-school club on this evening. Staff will return on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April should you need to contact the office for any reason. **Children should return to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.**

If I have no further opportunity before the end of this week, I do hope that this Holy time brings joy and may God bless you at Easter. Thank you wholeheartedly for your considerable support this term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Dawson".

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