



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

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Dear Families,

Reminder - New Term Mass

Our school Mass, to celebrate the start of the new term, will take place at 10:30am tomorrow, Wednesday 14th January at Saint Norbert's Church. Please do feel welcome to join us if you have time – it would be a pleasure to see you there. If you are able, would you please send your child with a small amount of change for the collection. Thank you.

Reminder - Meeting of the Friends of Saint Norbert's PTA

Please note that the next meeting of our PTA is due to take place on Tuesday 20th January, in school, at 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

With Me in Mind Workshops

Representatives from 'With Me in Mind' are offering two workshops this term. I would encourage you to consider attending if you are interested, as doing so increases the likelihood that we might be able to benefit from offers like these again in the future. Details are as follows:

- Tuesday 20th January - 6-7.30pm approximately - Sleep Workshop - Parents Only
An interactive workshop focusing on ways to encourage your child to establish and maintain a healthy sleep routine.
- Thursday 5th February - 3-4pm approximately - Worry Monster Anxiety Workshop - Parents and Children
An interactive workshop focusing on ways to support your child with understanding and managing feelings of anxiety and worry. You will need to bring a small box with you to create your own Worry Monster. All other art supplies will be supplied.

If you would like to attend either of these workshops, which you feel may be of benefit to you or your child, please use the link on the accompanying email to book your place. Please note that the Sleep Workshop is for parents only. Thank you.

School Photographer – Wednesday 28th January 2026

The School Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 28th January at 8.30am. If your child is in school in the morning of that day, they will automatically be included in the photo session. Children will have an individual, sibling and class photograph taken. Please do let me know if you would prefer your child *not* to be included in any of these photographs. Class photographs will be available for any parent in your child's class to purchase.

If you would like to have your child's photograph taken with his/her younger sibling, not currently in school, this should be taken from 8.30am. Should you need to, please do wait in the main entrance. Due to the number of children having their photograph taken at this time, a delay may be experienced. We will try to manage the process as quickly as possible and thank you in advance for your patience.

Breakfast Club and Out of School Club

We are proud to have been able to offer a Breakfast and Out-of-School Club (Goldstar) for more than two decades. We know that these are invaluable for some families, enabling parents/carers to 'juggle' home and work commitments, for example. For others, the clubs are a welcome support during the week. However, our wraparound care offer must be operationally viable; I have a duty to ensure that existing school policies are applied consistently to this provision. I must also ensure that I am not asking my staff to assume responsibility for children without the explicit consent and knowledge of parent(s) – and school – outside of the statutory school day.

It is unsustainable for children to arrive regularly at the morning Breakfast Club without a prior booking. Breakfast supplies are organised before the weekend to ensure that there are choices available for those children whose parents have booked; staff also prepare activity areas based on the number of children expected. Additional children will – of course – have an impact on this planned provision, for which I am responsible. I must also consider statutory staffing ratios and wish to avoid any potential situation where I have to refuse access to the Breakfast Club because we have not been able to comply with legal requirements for any given session.

Should you wish to use our Breakfast and/or Out of School Clubs, bookings *must* be made – in advance – through Arbor (unless there are exceptional circumstances); please see the attached information leaflet for further details. If you are not able to use Arbor to make bookings, I would continue to invite you to visit the school office for help and support.

Arbor and Payments

Please do check your Arbor homepage regularly and clear any outstanding payments which are owed, either for late bookings for Wraparound care or for school lunches. If school lunches were to remain unpaid, I would have to ask parents to send their children with a packed lunch. It is both our school and Trust policy that services be paid for in advance, where applicable.

As always, if you are experiencing *any* financial difficulties which are impacting upon your child's experience in our school, please do contact me – confidentially – and I will try to advise or assist you. If you feel that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please consider applying online through: <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/school-food-and-free-school-meals/>

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson