



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,

Allergies and Packed Lunches

Keeping children with allergies safe is something we take extremely seriously. We therefore ask parents and carers to ensure that the allergy and dietary information provided to school is accurate and regularly updated.

If you have informed us that your child has an allergy to a particular food or ingredient, we will act upon this information and put appropriate measures in place to keep him/her safe. It is therefore very important that food sent into school from home in packed lunches (for example) is consistent with the information that you have given us.

Please only inform school that your child has an allergy if this is an accurate description of his/her medical needs. An allergy is different from a food preference or dislike and we must manage this differently. Equally, if your child's allergy has changed, been reviewed or is no longer applicable, please do let us know promptly so that our records can be updated appropriately. This is really important.

Where a child *has* a known food allergy, we ask that parents/carers check ingredients carefully before sending packed lunches into school (if applicable).

We will, of course, continue to take every reported allergy seriously and to work closely with families to keep children safe. In return, we ask that parents and carers work with us by providing clear, accurate and consistent information. Allergy safety is a shared responsibility, and consistency between home and school is essential. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Poverty-Proofing the School Day

At Saint Norbert's, we are committed to 'Poverty-Proofing the School Day'. Put simply, this means looking carefully at everything we do to *try* to make sure that no child is excluded, embarrassed or disadvantaged because of their family's financial circumstances.

This approach underpins the decisions that we make: keeping clubs free wherever we can, carefully considering the cost of trips and events, providing the resources children need in school, keeping uniform expectations straightforward, trying to avoid unnecessary requests for money and ensuring that support is available discreetly when it is needed.

Our guiding principle is that a child should never feel different or miss an opportunity simply because money is tight at home.

Please remember that circumstances can change for *any* family, sometimes very suddenly. If you are ever worried about the cost of something connected with school, please do come and speak with me in confidence. There will never be any judgement and you should feel absolutely no embarrassment in asking. I would always much rather you spoke to me than worried in silence or felt that your child had to miss out in some way.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

You may have noticed some updates to our school grounds, which have taken place over the summer holidays. Our Caretaker, Mr Jennings, has been busy constructing our new 'performance stage', storage sheds, sand pits, mud kitchen and wellington boot storage.

To further enhance our outdoor play opportunities, we are now continuing with our efforts to refresh and expand our role-play area resources. So, if you have any unwanted items at home that are clean, safe and in good condition, we would be extremely grateful - on behalf of the children - for any possible donations, please.

Items such as *hard hats, helmets, stethoscopes, microphones, tiaras, crowns, plastic shoes, walking sticks, crutches, handbags, wands, swords, shields, plastic armour, bangles, sunglasses, briefcases, umbrellas, ribbon wands and musical instruments* are all hugely popular with the children, inspiring imaginative, creative and collaborative play outdoors. And after all, who doesn't have a spare set of plastic armour lying around...

Wellington Boots

As we continue to make the most of our outdoor learning opportunities, we would like each child to bring a pair of named wellies into school. These will be stored on site in one of our new welly storage sheds, allowing children to access the outdoor area in all weathers.

If, however, you have any unwanted wellies at home (perhaps that your child has now outgrown), we would - again - be very grateful for any donations which help us to build a spare collection for any other children who may need them.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support in helping us to facilitate engaging and enriching play experiences for all of our children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Dawson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A Dawson