**Prospective Parents Frequently Asked Questions**

**What are the arrangements for children starting in September 2021?**

The details are in the document ‘Start of Year New Reception Class Arrangements’ on our website

**What are the timings of the school day?**

We open the doors for children at 8.50-9.00 am in the morning, and the infants finish at 3.25pm with the juniors finishing at 3.30 pm.

The children go straight to their classroom doors, and are usually met by their teacher or another member of their class team.

**What do they need to bring?**

Your child will need to wear full school uniform and bring a coat, book bag and a drinks bottle every day. They will also need to bring a PE kit and welly boots if possible. These items can be left in school but the PE kit will be sent home to wash during the holidays. Please ensure everything is clearly named.

**Snack time**

A healthy fruit or vegetable snack is provided every morning for your child right through to the end of year 2. Children who are four years old also receive free milk in school. Once your child turns five, if you would like them to still receive milk you will need to pay for it. The milk is delivered direct to school but in order to receive the milk you must return the Milk registration form

**Is there a breakfast and after school club? What are the times and costs?**

Breakfast Club is from 7.30am until the start of the school day, and the After School Club starts at the end of the school day up to 6pm. It is £2.75 per child for the Breakfast Club, including breakfast, and the After School Club is £5.50 per child including a snack (with a 50p per child reduction for each sibling).

**What is the uniform and where can you get it from?**

We sell jumpers and PE shirts at the school office which can be paid through our contactless payment system (Parentpay). All other aspects of the uniform can bought at local shops or supermarkets.

<http://www.sacredheart-primary.co.uk/our-school/school-uniform/>

**Which clubs are (usually) on offer?**

We usually offer clubs for every year group, in a ‘normal’ year!

Many children attend our Drama club, which is the rehearsal time for our annual production.

We offer clubs in the sports indicated below.

We have also had cookery, arts and crafts clubs, and Lego club in previous years.

**What sporting events do you compete in?**

Everything! Football, basketball, netball, cricket, swimming, biathlons, cross country, netball, rounder’s, boccia, orienteering, virtual competitions, chess, golf, tennis, hockey, rugby and Athletics.

**Do you ever win anything?!!**

We have been fortunate to win a number of sporting events and have produced national standard swimmers, runners and biathletes.

We have been the Wyre football champions, District swimming champions, District netball winners, Rounder’s champions, girls’ cricket champions, girls’ football league winners, Wyre Hockey champions, Indoor cricket winners, cross country winners and outdoor athletics champions. We are the current Tag Rugby, Basketball and Sports hall athletics champions.

**What annual productions have you held?**

We have produced a number of shows: Aladdin, The Lion King, Beauty and The Beast, Peter Pan, The Wizard of Oz, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Alice in Wonderland, Joseph and The Technicolour Dreamcoat and Matilda.

This involves using our staging, hiring a sound and light technician with lighting rig and numerous microphones. We turn the school into a West End Theatre for the week! We have even used dry ice and a smoke machine, but unfortunately they set off the fire alarms.

**What links do we have with the church?**

We have always had close links with the clergy and parishioners of Sacred Heart, and especially with our Priest, Father Peter. In non-covid times, we would have regular class Masses, half termly whole school Masses, and other visits to Church. Father regular visits school. We hold our Christmas and Summer Fairs following Mass in the school hall. We work with the Catechists with the Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. Bishop Paul Swarbrick is a recent visitor, and we work closely with Dr Nancy Walbank at the Diocese.

**Do you serve vegan options at lunchtime?**

Our excellent catering team can provide for any dietary requirements.

**Do you provide hot lunches?**

We have the full range of hot and cold meals available for children and staff throughout the year, and prove very popular among children, with a high uptake of meals. Currently meals are free for all infants.

**What measures do you have in place for Covid19 safety?**

Please see the document ‘Covid FAQs’ on our website.

**Which high school do the children move onto?**

Although some children do attend other high schools, we primarily work with Cardinal Allen, as we are part of the Catholic cluster of local schools. We have had a rich tradition of children leaving Sacred Heart and having an extremely successful time at Cardinal Allen, and many of our staff have had their children attend there, and several staff are former pupils too. Mr Eaton was friends with Alfie Boe when they attended Cardinal Allen together!

**What community links does the school have?**

We have strong links as mentioned with our Sacred Heart parish, sporting links with YMCA Fleetwood, YMCA Thornton, Thornton FC, Fleetwood Town FC, Wyre and Fylde Sports Partnership, Blackpool FC, Blackpool Wyre and Fylde Athletics Club (BWFAC); we have other links with our teacher of Islam Imran Kotwal, our teacher of Judaism Simon Caplin; we have sung at a number of local Care Homes at Christmas; we have raised money for a number of charities including Fleetwood Food Bank, Cancer Research (Race for Life), British Heart Foundation, CAFOD, Water aid, International Aid.

**What school trips have taken place?**

In the pre-Covid world, we undertook a number of school trips. All year groups went on several visits throughout the school year. These included the annual trip to the Panto at the Grand Theatre as a whole school, Year 6 residential visit to Borwick Hall 3 days), visits to Clitheroe Castle, Chester Zoo, Skipton Castle, Windermere, Peter Rabbit Attraction, Fleetwood, Blackpool beach, Museum of Science and Industry, Harris Museum, Grundy Art Gallery, Spaceport Liverpool, Martin Mere, Leighton Hall, RSPB Leighton Moss, Ribby Hall day of sport.

**What events do you hold in school?**

Our regular and recent events include our Infant Nativity, Junior Christmas Concert, Easter Passion, Stations of the Cross, Grandparents’ Day, Race For Life, Summer Fair, Christmas Fair, Easter Chocolate Bingo, Autumn Chocolate Bingo, Mothers’ Day Event, Children’s discos, Sports Day, school cross country race, daily mile and breakfast with Mother Christmas!