



**St Cuthbert's
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Dear parents/carers

As we begin our third week back after the summer break there are a couple of messages I would like to share with parents/carers.

Parent/Carer Voice

At the moment we are carrying out Staff and Student Voice to help set our priorities for the year to come. You are also an important part of our school, so please look out for a questionnaire that will be sent to you in the near future to get your views. Please could I ask that you complete it as honestly and fairly as possible so we get a true reflection of parent/carers thoughts.

Working together - Important

Every member of staff at St Cuthbert's wants the best for your child. Success happens when we work together in partnership. Can I take this opportunity to reassure all parents/carers that our staff are working as hard as possible to ensure your child has the best educational experience with us. If you contact them, please do so in a respectful way and be aware that a response may not be immediate due to unavoidable priorities elsewhere. Staff will always contact you back within 2-3 days unless there is a safeguarding concern.

Can I also remind parents/carers to only come into school if a meeting has been arranged beforehand. **Please do not turn up at reception unless we are aware that you are coming into school and a meeting has been booked.**

Staff will not be available to assist should you come to school without prior arrangements in place because they will be dealing with children or in pre-arranged meetings. I hope I have your support and understanding that whilst we always support our families, immediate responses are not always possible.

Parking outside school

It is absolutely unacceptable to park on the yellow zig-zags outside of school. Parents/carers parking here are putting our students in danger. Please expect to be challenged by police which I fully support. Please park responsibly.

Uniform

This has improved since my last letter to you, thank you. Shoes must be fully black, fully polishable and fully leather or leather look. Coats must be fully black.

After listening to student/parents/carers voice, girls no longer need to wear white socks. Between now and Christmas black or white socks are acceptable to give parents/carers time to buy black ones. Please note that from the start of term in January, all students should wear black socks.

Newsletter

Please look out for a regular newsletter that I will be sending to parent/carers which will inform you of good news and achievements, as well as key messages.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the first two weeks of my Headship at St Cuthbert's. We are working hard as part of the continued successful journey of St Cuthbert's and your ongoing support is appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mr Stuart Holland
Headteacher

