



OLOV Newsletter

Tuesday 8th September 2020

Dear Parents,

The children are gradually getting settled in to the 'new' school routines. We had assemblies each day last week where we discussed all the new procedures. By the end of the week the children were able to articulate our new procedures and talk about the reasons why we have them. The children know:

- To wash their hands frequently
- Give each other (and staff) space when moving around
- To avoid touching one another (clapping, handshakes, hugs) as much as possible
- Not to share their belongings

Other than that, the children are continuing with their learning as normal. Fortunately, learning is the one thing that will never change at Our Lady of Victories.

We have sent out information regarding the days in which your child will do PE. We are asking children to come to school in their PE kit and wear it the whole day. This will minimise the amount of items being brought from home. Please ensure the children are in correct PE kit. Children are to wear plain black or plain white trainers.

Google classroom

We have set up Google Classroom . I have updated the class access codes as the system was preventing some pupils from transferring over to their new class. This has now been rectified. Our system is linked with the London Grid for Learning. The new update required 48 hours to transfer all pupils (including new pupils) across. I have attached the updated document with class codes. This is what you will enter to access your classroom. Your child's login and password will remain exactly the same, it is just the class code that has been updated. Please click the link for the instructional video. Please contact the school if you are having access issues, it may be easier if I talk you through it over the phone.

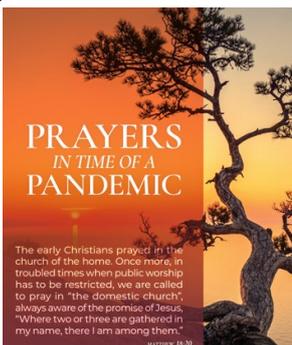
Google Classroom Guide for home use for students / parents: <https://sites.google.com/jartechconsultants.co.uk/classroomhomeuseguide/home>

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Year 2 - 6r2zfx7	Year 6 - d5w3gg4
Year 3 - 6gswxtk	

I hope you have a lovely week

God bless

Mr Mc Philemy



Prayer for the Pandemic

In this challenging time Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence. We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care. In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills.

We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Social distancing outside the school gates

Parents are responsible for ensuring that guidelines regarding social distancing are followed outside the school gates while waiting for children to enter the playground.

The gates will open at 8:45 and remain open for 15 minutes until 9:00. There is no need for parents to arrive any earlier or to queue. We ask parents to time their arrival for the interval of time when the gate is open.

If you and your child / children do arrive before the gate opens, you should follow these precautions for your own and other people's safety:

1. Wear a face mask
2. Keep your child beside you at all times.
3. **Maintain an appropriate distance of at least 1 metre between other adults and children.**
4. Line up along the pavement beside the school wall to the right of the gate, ensuring that the road is kept clear.
5. Be considerate of the school's neighbours and keep noise levels down.

When your child has entered the playground please move away quickly to avoid creating an obstruction for other parents and children.

These guidelines are for the benefit of everyone.

PE Kits

In the past we have asked children to bring their PE kits into school, ready to change into them when their class is having a lesson. In order to reduce the amount of items travelling between home and school, we are now asking children to come into school wearing their PE kit on the day they will have a PE lesson.

Children will need to wear full PE kit (track suit, shorts, t-shirt and suitable trainers*) and they must wear their school blazer and cap/ hat as usual.

*Trainers must be all white or all black.

The days for each class's lesson are detailed below and teachers will inform children if there are any changes.

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Thursday

Uniform reminder

As the weather may continue to be warm for the next few weeks the children are allowed to continue to wear summer uniform until 25th September but must be in winter uniform by September 28th. This is to be *either full winter or full summer uniform.*

School reading books

Before lockdown children took home a selection of school texts to read. If your child has not yet returned these to school, please ask them to do so now. Books will continue to come home from school in order to ensure that children are able to read regularly. We will follow hygienic protocols to ensure that when these are returned they are wiped clean before being reused.

**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will operate from 8am each morning. Children must enter through the door near the school reception which will open at 8am and close at 8:10.

Children will be provided with breakfast and supervised in class bubbles. It costs £3 each day or £15 for a week. which children should bring into school on the day and hand to Mrs Hodnett.

Homework

Accompanying this newsletter is the information your child will need to access Google classroom for homework this year. **Please do let us know if there are any issues with your child accessing this.**

School Lunches

Parents will perhaps remember that just before lockdown we began to work with new catering contractors, Principles. The meals are still prepared by the catering team led by Zoe, who work very hard to ensure that the children enjoy their lunch. We have looked at the suggested menu for the next few months and made some adjustments.

The proposed menu can be seen on the school website. Over the first cycle (which is three weeks), we will monitor the children's responses and make further adjustments where necessary.

School staff regularly sample the meals to ensure the standard is consistently good.

Dinner money costs for the term are £219 (full term). If parents prefer to do so they can pay weekly which is £15 or half termly - the cost for September-October is £114 and for October-December it will be £105. This is payable through School Gateway, the link for which you can find on the school website.



First Communion children in Year 4 and above

Now that churches are open again the First Communion children are able to celebrate receiving the sacrament for the first time. When they have all been able to do this we will organise a celebration here in school.

First Communion children in Year 3

Children in Year 3 who wish to make the First Communion this year will be prepared in school by Sr. Maureen and Mrs Stephan. Parents should have received a letter and a registration form from school. It should be returned to Rachel, the parish administrator, at: kensington1@rcdow.org.uk

For parents of new children

If your child needs to be prepared for their First Confession and Communion you should contact Sr. Maureen if you attend Our Lady of Victories parish. Unfortunately, due to social distancing and our need to keep class bubbles separate, children from other year groups will need to be prepared outside school.

Medical information

In order to ensure the children's safety we need to be aware of any medical needs such as asthma, allergies. **Please make sure that we have up to date information about your child's medical needs.**

Miss Alvarez, the school first aid officer, will be contacting parents soon to check that the information we have is still appropriate. If you do not hear from her please contact the school office.

Parents are reminded that the only medicine which we are allowed to administer to children in school is an asthma inhaler, for which we need parent's written permission.