

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

## COATS

Can I ask all parents and carers to make sure your child brings a coat to school?

It is October now and the colder, wetter months are ahead. The number of children without coats in school today was shocking. THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR CO OPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.

## Flu Vaccination Programme - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### **Polite Reminder to Parents/Carers from the School Age Immunisation Service**

We shall be visiting school on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023** to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme to those pupils in **Reception - Year 6**.

Thank you to those who have completed the on-line consent form already. If you have not done so and would like your child protected against Flu please complete the consent form by **10AM ON FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023** using the following link:

<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

**St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School - 09 Oct - Flu**

Your school code is: **SS124373-23**

If your school name states **(Deleted)** next to it, **please continue with the consent form** as this is the link to be used. We are working to remove the word **(Deleted)**.

If you have any concerns regarding the vaccination, have taken your child to the GP for their vaccination or require support completing the consent form please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Service to discuss on 0300 124 0366.

Thank you

## Catholic Virtues - GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

This half term, the children and staff at St. Gabriel's are growing to be Grateful and Generous.

Pupils are growing to be GRATEFUL for our own gifts, for the gifts of other people and for the blessings of each day; and GENEROUS with our gifts, becoming men and women for others.



SCHOOL  
MEMBER



Headteacher: Mr J P Hayes BEd Hons NPQH  
Deputy Headteacher: Mr W Bright BA PGCE



## **St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School**

**Open Morning**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**9:30am - 10:30am 11am - 12 noon**

**St. Gabriel's is a welcoming school where:**

**We pray together, care for each other and learn together \* We feel safe and respected**

**We try to do our best \* Everyone is treated fairly**

**We have fun with our friends \* With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community**

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### **Attendance**

The House of Commons Education Select Committee has reported this week on attendance. This is because the numbers of children missing school in England is a crisis that needs to be tackled. The proportion of children nationally who are missing a significant amount of their education is about double the level that it was before the pandemic.

Figures for the 2022-2023 year show 22.3% of pupils were "persistently absent", which is defined as missing 10% or more of their lessons.

Please do try to do everything you can to get your child to school every day and on time.

The life chance, for children with good attendance at school is much, much better than those with lower attendance.

### **Friends of St. Gabriel's**

Please note the AGM - Annual General Meeting will take place after school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. New or potential committee members are encouraged to attend. Please come along if you think you can help in any way. More info to follow.

Thanks to Mr Agnew, Mrs Devlin, Mrs Josebury and others in the background who quietly do lots in their own time for the additional benefit of children at this school.

### **Message from the Friends of St. Gabriel's**

The blue bin is now outside the office, ready for donations for the Christmas Fayre. We kindly request any gift bags that might be lying around the house, all shapes and sizes are gratefully received, also any unwanted gifts for the secret room. This can include anything like toiletry gift sets, new socks, mugs, purses, perfume, jewellery or even a jigsaw! Thank you.

### Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Havannah
RHK/AD	Joshua
1KG	Harry D
1NH	Hudson
2LG	Lulu
2NT	Ignacy
3CC	Marcel
3SO	Vittoria
4HB	Alanya
4LM	Bentley
5VN	Erin
5SM	Mia L



**Well Done Readers of the  
Week!**

### Parking

The council have now placed wooden posts on the grass verge on the side of Wilnecote Lane to prevent parking there. You will also note that Staffordshire Police have provided us with some signage to encourage parents and carers not to park on or block Wilnecote Lane and the school driveway.

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly. Parking is not allowed in front of the school gates, the yellow lines and zig zags are there to stop people parking there and to protect and keep all of our children safe. Please never park up on the footpaths in the surrounding roads. **You are also asked to please show consideration to local home owners and do not block garages and driveways. Please do not become abusive to local home owners.** Parking on the grass verge along Wilnecote Lane has been raised as a COMPLAINT with local police. We have been asked to advise all parents not to do this. Parking on the grass verges is dangerous and causes blockage for neighbours.

Local councillors continue to be involved and taking an active interest because of irresponsible driving behaviour by a small minority. Thank you.

### Dogs on the school grounds

A reminder please that dogs must not be brought beyond the school gates and onto school premises. Dogs are banned from all school grounds because of the danger of toxicariasis in dog waste. This is in line with County Council guidelines.

Please respect this request at all times. Thank you.

### Parking at Belgrave Club

We will notify you once new parking permits are made available to purchase. In the meantime, please continue to display last year's permit.

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> October	FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING 6.00PM
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for prospective Reception 2024 parents
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of St. Gabriel's AGM
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.40pm
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.40pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School finishes for half term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY 2
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School re opens for pupils
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> November	School Disco - More info to follow
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm

Lord,

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

(Feast day of St, Francis of Assisi - October 4<sup>th</sup>)

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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Headteacher