

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We are now settled into the new school year and everyone has been busy letting their light shine. We are sure that this year is going to be an exciting one, full of new experiences and fun learning.

I would like to warmly welcome our new members of the St Vincent community. It has also been an extra special start to the year, with parents being back onsite, too, at the start and end of each day.

At the start of the year, we remind parents of key school procedures and policies.

### COVID SAFETY

Thank you for adhering to the measures outlined in our risk assessment. Please refer to our [covid risk assessment](#) on our school website for more information on support during the recovery of the pandemic.

### COMMUNICATION

We aim to keep parents regularly informed about school events. Email is the main method of communication to parents. Please ensure that the office has your correct email address so that you can receive important information. We email out a weekly newsletter on a Friday with important reminders and information on.

### SIMS PARENT LITE APP

Please be reminded any changes to your personal data are to be actioned via your SIMS Parent Lite app. The SIMS parent app allows you to access, review and request changes to the data held on your children directly from your phone.

If you have not previously activated your account, please email the school office to request an activation email and then follow the guidance below:

- To get started with the SIMS Parent app
- 1. You will have been sent an activation email to your registered email address(es) from [noreply@simms.co.uk](mailto:noreply@simms.co.uk), then you simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account.
- 2. You can then login using your normal Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft username and password, or you will need to register.
- 3. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for SIMS Parent.
- 4. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at [www.sims-parent.co.uk](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk)



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Any change of details cannot be accepted by email. Please do not email the school for any change of contact details.

Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. If you require an additional login then please contact the school office. Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used; please contact the office via [admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) if you require a replacement after this date.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please do look regularly at the school website. We frequently update it for parents to use as a point of reference. The website also shows examples of exciting work taking place in school.

## TWITTER

Our school newsroom can be followed @StVincentsPr. Our school newsroom give parents a greater insight into the life of the school. We share photographs, videos and information about school activities. If you haven't already followed the school, please try to find the time to sign up and join us.

## CURRICULUM MEETINGS

We will be holding our year group curriculum meetings later this half term. During the meeting the class teachers will talk through the curriculum content for the year and activities the children will undertake.

Wednesday	06 October	Y3 Curriculum Evening	5:15- 5:45pm
		Y4 Curriculum Evening	5:50- 6:20pm
		Y5 Curriculum Evening	6:25- 6:55pm
		Y6 Curriculum Evening	7- 7:30pm
Thursday	07 October	Phonics Workshop Rec/Y1/Y2	5:15- 5:45pm
		Reception Curriculum Evening	5:50- 6:20pm
		Y1 Curriculum Evening	6:25- 6:55pm
		Y2 Curriculum Evening	7-7:30pm

## DATE FOR THE DIARY – REMOTE ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Childnet, the online safety charity, will be delivering a remote session designed specifically for primary aged children on Monday 20 September at 6pm.

The Childnet's parent and carers sessions provide insight into some of the things that children are currently experiencing with regards to the internet and technology.



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The topics we look at, include: screen time, digital wellbeing, digital footprints and gaming, social media, cyberbullying, misinformation, keeping personal information safe, online friendships and inappropriate content. The session will cover the risks associated with all of these themes and give guidance, advice and tips on how to manage them as well as where parents can go for further support.

Childnet take a balanced approach and want to emphasise the positive aspects of life online too. They want to empower parents to talk to their child about the online world to help them fully enjoy all the benefits of the internet while staying happy and safe online. The session lasts approximately one hour; joining details will be sent prior to the meeting.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTERS

We follow the RE scheme called The Way, The Truth and The Life; please follow the link to find out what the children will be learning about this term via the [RE newsletter](#)

## MINI VINNIES APPEAL FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

The Mini Vinnies would like to help support the Afghan refugees who have arrived in Manchester. We are appealing for donations of clothing (specifically size small) coats, trousers, trainers, jumpers, t-shirts, toiletries; recreational items such as notebooks, pens and playing cards will also be welcomed. Please can you ensure all items donated are clean. The Mini Vinnies will collect and sort the donations from next week. All donations will be delivered at our local drop-off point. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

## THE SCHOOL DAY

The school day is as follows:

	Infants	Juniors
<b>Classroom doors open</b>	8:45am	8:50am
<b>Morning bell</b>	9:00am	9:05am
<b>Afternoon bell</b>	3:30pm	3:25pm

When the classroom doors open, children are allowed to enter their classrooms. There is a morning activity for the children to start at this time and this enables the children to settle into their classroom. This arrangement also eases playground and traffic congestion in the morning.

At the end of the day please can children and parents make their way to the exits by 3:45pm so that our site manager, Mr Brindley, can safeguard our site and lock the gates; other activities take place after school and the site must be secured; please note that children are not to linger on the fields after school.

## PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure your child arrives at school before the morning bell. This facilitates a calm start to the day.



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## ATTENDANCE

We want our children to have excellent attendance and achieve well. We are not able to authorise holidays in term time; please refer to our term dates on [this link](#) before booking a holiday.

As part of our safeguarding procedures, if your child is too poorly to attend school, please notify the school office by phoning to report the reason for absence.

Please note that all routine medical appointments should be made outside of the school day if possible, for example visiting the dentist or optician.

## REDUCING CONGESTION - PARK AND STRIDE

Many of our parents take advantage of the large Tesco carpark. Parents can park for free whilst they drop their child off at school; walking to school helps children learn pedestrian skills so that when they begin to walk on their own they are better equipped to deal with traffic. It introduces them to an important and easy form of exercise. It helps to reduce traffic and air pollution and helps to improve our local environment. It strengthens communities by getting people, parents and children in particular, to work together as a team. The journey to school gives children a chance to talk and make new friends so that when they've arrived at school they're ready to learn. In order to alleviate congestion, please park away from school and do not try to park on Orchard or Osbourne Road; please also note that the car park at the bottom of Orchard Road is a staff carpark only and parents should not use it as a thoroughfare.

## SCHOOL GATES

As a reminder, parents can now enter school through any school gate. We have gates on Orchard and Osborne Road, Balmoral Road and Stockport Road at the end of the ginnel next to the golf course; please note that we do not permit dogs on site apart from assistance dogs.

## SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS

We serve delicious meals prepared and cooked on site. The menus can be found on our website. Infant meals are funded through the government initiative Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). Please note that payments must be made **prior** to each half term. Parents also have the option of paying in full for the whole year if they wish.

Meals cost £2.30 per day for children in Years 3-6 and payments for each term are as follows:

Half Term 2021/22	Please pay on or before:	No. of Days	Amount
<b>Autumn 1st</b>	<b>Tuesday 07/09/2021</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>£78.20</b>
<b>Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday 02/11/2021</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>£82.80</b>



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Spring 1st	Tuesday	04/01/2022	29	£66.70
Spring 2nd	Monday	21/02/2022	35	£80.50
Summer 1st	Monday	25/04/2022	24	£55.20
Summer 2nd	Monday	13/06/2022	32	£73.60

Please follow [the link to ParentPay](#) to top up your meal accounts.

## HEALTHY EATING SNACKS

Reception and infant children receive a government funded piece of fruit each day. Children in the junior department are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to school for their mid-morning snack.

We have noticed that some parents ask to give out treats to their child's class on their birthday. Over the year this can add up to lots of sweets and is not in keeping with our healthy eating approach. We also have a number of children with allergies or dietary requirements. For this reason, and in line with many other schools, we would like to ask parents not to bring in sweets for birthdays. This is also in line with our school nursery policy.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

Several of our children have nut allergies. For this reason, we ask that children do not bring in products containing nuts or have traces of nuts for their snack or for their packed lunch.

We aim to be a listening school and offer an open door to parents. Mrs Farrell (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

