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Dear parents/carers

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday. Welcome back to the new academic year and a special welcome to those parents who are new to the St Sebastian's school family.

School reopens to children at **8.40am** for an 8.45am start tomorrow **Thursday 3rd September**. Our school day times are 8.45am – 3.15pm.

Drop/off and collection – Please drop off children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the playground entrance on Douglas Green. All children in Years 3-6 should be dropped off at the playground entrance on Norfolk Street. If you have children in different year groups they may use the same entrance.

All children are to be collected at the end of the day from their class teacher. If you have more than one child in school, please collect the youngest child first.

In order to safeguard the children, only named adults will be allowed to take the children home. Please phone the office if someone different is going to collect your child.

Breakfast Club – Our paid breakfast club opens tomorrow at 7:45am at a cost of £2 per child, per day. Our free breakfast club opens tomorrow at 8:15am. Entry is through the playground gates on Norfolk Street. Breakfast Club is NOT available to pupils in Nursery.

Homework Club – Homework Club will be available from tomorrow until 4pm. The cost is £2 per session booked in advance. Homework Club is NOT available to pupils in Nursery

Attendance – Raising attendance is a school priority as well as being a Salford and National priority. Research shows that pupils who attend regularly outperform those who are persistently absent (missing over 10% of school). Further research shows that children who miss the first few days of school are more likely to become persistently absent.

Clubs – We have a variety of after-school clubs on offer this term. Booking details will be sent out separately next week.

Uniform - We have high expectations for the children and this includes their appearance. Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos and sets an appropriate standard. As a reminder:

- Plain black trainers must be worn with no white/coloured patterns, stripes or ticks.
- Items of jewellery must not be worn with the exception of one pair of small stud earrings and a simple watch which must be removed for PE and swimming. Smart watches are not permitted.
- Please do not allow children to have inappropriate hairstyles. This includes shaved/very short hair; lines/patterns shaved into the hair; dyed hair.
- Long hair must be tied back for safety reasons.
- Nail varnish and acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Make-up and false eyelashes are not permitted.
- A sensible coat with a hood must be worn in the winter months/poor weather.

We have an authorised supplier for our school jumpers and cardigans. Whittakers 23/125 Chorley Road Swinton, M27 4AA. (0161 794 1396). Their online store is www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk and they will deliver. Jumpers start at £10 and cardigans start at £11.

Labelling uniform - Please label all items of clothing, especially jumpers, cardigans, hoodies and coats.

PE – PE lessons will begin on Monday 7th September. Pupils must wear their PE kit to school on their PE days instead of their regular school uniform:

Class	***PE days***
Year One	Thursday and Friday
Year Two	Tuesday and Friday
Year Three	Monday and Thursday
Year Four	Monday (swimming Wednesday)
Year Five	Monday and Wednesday
Year Six	Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 school dinners – Pupils in Year 3 no longer automatically get a free school meal. If you feel that you meet the criteria for free school meals, please apply online https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/ or telephone: 0161 793 2500.

Packed lunches – Please do not send sweets, chocolates or nuts into school with your child's packed lunch.

Water bottles – This year we will again be providing all children with water bottles, which will be kept in school. Please do not send any other drinks bottles in to school (this includes with packed lunches).

Nuts – We have a number of children with nut allergies in school. If your child has a packed lunch, please do not send any items of food into school that contain nuts.

Mobile phones – Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school. The exception to this rule is Year Six children who have permission to walk home from school by themselves. Permission forms have been emailed to Year 6 parents separately.

School bag – We have a selection of school bags to purchase from the office.

Parent Governor – We have a vacancy for a parent governor. A letter with further details and nomination form will be sent out to parents separately tomorrow.

Meet the teacher meetings – You are invited into school on the following days to meet your child's class teacher(s). The dates are as follows:

Mon 7/9/26 -Y5 Meet the teacher meeting

Tue 8/9/26 - Y3 Meet the teacher meeting

Thur 10/9/26 - Y6 Meet the teacher meeting

Mon 14/9/26 - Y2 Meet the teacher meeting

Tue 15/9/26 - Y4 Meet the teacher meeting

Thur 17/9/26 - Y1 Meet the teacher meeting

We are very much looking forward to the new term.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Doyle

'Do everything in love.' 1 Corinthians 16:14