



Newsletter – Friday 2nd September 2022

Welcome back to the new school year everyone and a special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception families. I hope you have all had a good summer and have managed to enjoy getting out and about as much as possible. This newsletter contains some useful information, as you prepare for your children returning to (or starting at) our school or one of our nurseries. Over summer, our staff have worked really hard to ensure that everything is in place for your children returning to school. We are always looking at new ways to improve our provision and learning environments so that your children experience the very best and there have been some 'upgrades' and 'additions' that have taken place over summer, including:

-all KS2 classrooms have new carpets in place.

-Year 2BR classroom has new furniture and flooring (in line with the 'style' in place, in Y1NT and Y1/2TL).

-the hall floor has been re-sanded and sealed.

-our Computing Suite has been re-developed.

-a new kitchen has been installed in our Darlington Street Nursery.

-the Forest School area has been 'cleared' and resources are being put in place.

-a security access control system is now in place for all external school gates (see newsletter item below for more information).



The work that was planned to take place on the playground (*lines re-painted and new designs in place*) will now take place later this term. Over the next few weeks, we be having some new 'fixed' outdoor equipment in place at the front of school for our Darlington Street Nursery and children in Reception: EH and there will be some 'fixed' outdoor equipment in place at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. We will continue to **'never settle for less than our best'** when it comes to improving our school in all areas.

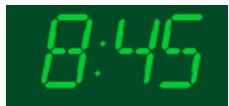


NEW security access gates – As mentioned above, we have had new security gates installed at all access points to our school (including access to the main school office). As part of this system, we will be able to programme times that certain gates can automatically open and close. As you receive this email, the system is not yet fully completed. The contractors are aiming to have everything ready and in place in time for your children returning on Tuesday. As a result, it is unlikely that we will have our timings in place for the start of the school day on Tuesday and so please look out for the email that I will send out next week, which will go into detail about how we will be operating this new system.

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Returning to school information: September 2022



Returning to school – On Tuesday 6th September, classroom doors for **children in Year 1 – Year 6**, will open when the first bell rings at **8:45am**. Our second bell will ring at **8:55am** and this will signal to class teachers that they need to close their classroom doors for the start of the school day. All children who are not in school at this point will need to enter via the main school entrance. Doors will be open for you to collect children at **3:15pm**. During next week home visits will be taking place for children who will be starting at our Darlington Street Nursery and in Reception. Please see the table below which shows returning to school information for all year groups:

Year groups	Date starting back at school/nursery	Arriving		Leaving
		Doors open	Doors closed	Doors open
Year 1 – Year 6	Tuesday 6 th September	8:45am (bell)	8:55am (bell)	3:15pm
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	Tuesday 6 th September	9:00am	As children arrive	3:00pm
Reception	Monday 12 th September	8:45am (bell)	8:55am (bell)	3:15pm
Darlington Street Nursery	Monday 12 th September	8:50am	9:05am	3:00pm

When on our school site, in order to ensure everyone is 'safe', we ask that you and your children stick to the paths, keep off any of our school equipment and do not play any 'ball games' on the playground before and after school.

September 2022 PE kits

As per the '3 stars and a wish' feedback, from September 2022, **children in Year 1 – Year 6 can come to school in their PE kit on the day that they have outdoor PE and on the day they have indoor PE**. The only item of PE kit that will need to remain in school are pumps as children may prefer to walk to school in trainers. So that your child feels 'comfortable' all day in school when it is their indoor PE day (especially on a cold Autumn day), they could wear their full school tracksuit for both days that they have PE (with maybe their shorts underneath on the indoor days). Some children may prefer to come in their shorts on these days. **For the first week only, we are asking that:**

*On the first day, all children come to school wearing their 'normal' school uniform;

*Children in Y3LK, Y3/4CS and Y4CB come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit on **Wednesday 7th September only** and

*Children in Y5HJ, Y5/6NC and Y6AM come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit on **Thursday 8th September only**.

Outdoor PE kits will not be needed on any other days for children in KS2 during this first week back.

Click the link below to see information regarding PE kits and our 2022/2023 PE timetable:

<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/home/PE%20Kit%20and%202022%20Timetable.pdf>

School Uniform reminders:

****All uniform and PE kit MUST be named****

****One pair of stud earrings (silver/gold studs) – no other piercings are permitted****

****A smart and sensible wristwatch may be worn****

****Make-up, nail varnish, false nails, nail extensions and temporary tattoos are not permitted****

****Hairstyles that are not considered appropriate for school:**

brightly-coloured/dyed hair, shaved lines, headwear with bold patterns or colours, excessive hair accessories**

****Hair products such as wax, gel or hairspray should not be applied and long hair must be tied up****

****No trainers – plain black school shoes only****

Click the link to see the full version of our School Uniform Policy:

<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/School%20Uniform%20Policy%20-%20September%202022.pdf>

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Meet the Teacher meetings – There is an opportunity for you to come into school to meet, with your child's new teacher next week at our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. These will take place for all children in Year 1 upwards (Nursery and Reception children had 'Welcome Sessions' in June/July). These meetings will take place in your child's classroom, after school. At the meeting, lots of information about the year ahead will be communicated to you and it is also a chance for you to ask any questions. Meetings will start at **3:30pm** for those who are able to attend at this time and they will also be repeated at **6pm** should this time be more convenient for you. The meetings will last approximately 15 – 30 minutes. For the 3:30pm meetings you can access the classroom via your child's classroom door. If you are attending at 6pm, then please come to the main school entrance. This meeting is for adults only and so all children will be taken to the Computing Suite where you will be able to collect them when the meeting is over. We hope to see you next week:



Class/teacher	Date	Time
Y1NT – Miss Taylor Y1/2TL – Mrs Leech Y2BR – Miss Ranger	Tuesday 6 th September	3:30pm or 6:00pm
Y3LK – Mr Kenny Y3/4CS – Mr Simmons Y4CB – Miss Billington	Wednesday 7 th September	3:30pm or 6:00pm
Y5HJ – Mrs Jeffries Y5/6NC – Mr Cooke Y6AM – Mrs Malley	Thursday 8 th September	3:30pm or 6:00pm



Class pages on school website

For information about your child's class, make sure you refer to their class page on the school website:



Class	Link to page on website
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/nurseryProvisionLA.html
Darlington Street Nursery	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/nurseryProvisionDS.html
Reception: EH	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/ClassesREH.html
Reception: TK	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/ClassesRTK.html
Year 1NT	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes1NT.html
Year 1/2TL	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes12TL.html
Year 2BR	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes2BR.html
Year 3LK	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes3LK.html
Year 3/4CS	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes34CS.html
Year 4CB	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes4CB.html
Year 5HJ	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes5HJ.html
Year 5/6NC	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes56NC.html
Year 6AM	https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes6AM.html



For school and class information in 'real time', make sure you follow our teachers in school on Twitter. My Twitter account links to the opening page of the school website (Mr Grogan **@MrGSGC**). Below are current Twitter accounts from school staff:

Lancaster Ave @LancAveSGC	Mrs Davies @MrsDSGC	Mr Hadjigeorgiou @MrHSGC	Miss Killian @missksgc
Miss Taylor @MissTSGC	Mrs Leech @MrsLSGC	Miss Ranger @MissBGS GC	Mr Kenny @MrKSGC
Mr Simmons @MrSimSGC	Miss Billington: @MissCBSGC	Mrs Jeffries @MrsJeffriesSGC	Mr Cooke @MrCookeSGC
Mrs Malley @MrsMalleySGC	Miss Gray @missvsgc	Miss Beswick @MissBSGC	Mrs O'Brien @MrsOBSGC
Mr Grogan @MrGSGC			

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Seesaw (Home Learning) – This year, teachers will be continuing with the use of the online platform Seesaw to: communicate with you at home and to set weekly home learning. Please see your child’s teacher if you have any difficulties logging on to Seesaw. Children will require a device at home to access their Seesaw account – **we do have some devices in school, which are available for families to loan and so please contact the school office if your child requires support in order to access their home learning on Seesaw.** Paper copies of all home learning will be made available in the classroom for your child to take if they wish. **Weekly home learning will be set on a Friday, to be returned for the following Friday.** More time will be provided for any longer term ‘projects’. Click the link below to access our full Home Learning Policy: <https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/21/Home%20Learning%20Policy%202021.pdf>

Extra-curricular clubs – The Autumn Term (1st half) extra-curricular clubs letter will be emailed to you on Tuesday (paper copies of the letter will be in letter holders in the entrance area on Tuesday also). The clubs on offer change each half term and so look out for the emails throughout the year. With some clubs, staff may be looking to select a team to take part in an event against other school and so we do not want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to potentially represent our school and so when these letters come though, please have a chat with your children and see if there is anything they wish to sign up to. Clubs will be starting week commencing Monday 12th September.



Breakfast Club (7:30am – 8:45am) – A choice of toast, cereals, fresh fruit and juices are available at our breakfast club each morning:



Prices	
Arrival between 7:30am – 7:55am	£4.00 per day
Arrival after 7:55am	£3.50 per day



Please remember to book your place at Breakfast Club by emailing: breakfastclub@saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk
Bookings can be made on a week by week basis. Please ensure we receive your email by 3:30pm each Friday for the following week.

Dinner money – This can be paid online via our Tucasi system or money can be sent into school each Monday in the yellow coloured envelopes (available for free from the school office):

Dinner Money (Key Stage 2)
£11.75 per week

****We have water coolers in both KS1 and KS2 so please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day****

Snack options: Nursery and Reception – There is **no snack charge** for all our Nursery and Reception children. Your children will help prepare some of the snacks on offer, which will include cheese and crackers, plain brioche, rice cakes, scotch pancakes and fruit.



Snack options: Year 1 to Year 6 – Current options for snack provided by school are: milk and toast.

Children can have both or just milk, or just toast. Payment for this is made **half termly in advance**, online using the Tucasi payment system or by cash in the white payment envelopes that are provided. See the Key Dates letter for all payment dates and the emails from school about the different costs. Please note



that your child cannot change options mid-term. If children are not accessing the snack provided by school, the only other snack option is for children to bring their own fresh fruit and plain water (**no cereal bars or flavoured drinks/juice**). **Information regarding school snack has been emailed to you today. All children will receive FREE snack on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please ensure you pay online by 3:30pm on Wednesday 7th September for your child to be on the list from Thursday onwards.**



Payments to school – Remember that with our Tucasi online payment system, no change will be returned – any funds overpaid will be carried forward to meet future payments. Please send all money into school in the correctly coloured money envelope (available for free from classrooms or the school office).

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Other information:

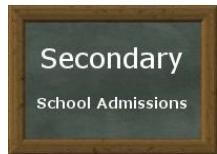


Class based Worship themes – During the first half term of the Autumn Term, children will be focusing on the following:

School Value: Endurance

Reflective question: What are you prepared to endure to reach your goals this year?

Pupil information – Next week, we will be sending home our ‘official’ data collection sheets and health care plans for you to complete and return to school. Our data collection sheets contains all the contact information we currently have on file and so this is an ideal opportunity for you to update any names and numbers. Your child’s medical information is included on your child’s health care plan and so again, if you could please ensure you update these with the most up to date information. We would appreciate it if you could return these to school as soon as possible so we can update all the information on our school files.



Secondary School applications – On Monday morning next week, all children in Year 6 will walk to Fred Longworth High School for a taster morning. Most Secondary Schools will be organising their ‘open evenings’ soon. The closing date for Secondary School applications is **Monday 31st October 2022** and so make sure you spend the next few weeks having a look at what is on offer within the community.

Welcome to our School Worship – On Friday 16th September, we look forward to welcoming the parents/carers of all our Reception children into school for a special ‘Welcome to our School’ Worship. Reverend Cath Eccles will lead this special Worship with our Reception children. All Reception family members are welcome to attend this service, which will start at 9:10am. I look forward to seeing you on that morning.



Harvest celebrations in school and church – Children from St. George’s Central will start Harvest celebrations in school on Friday 30th September. Reverend Cath Eccles will lead a service at 9:10am involving Reception and KS1 children and the service with KS2 children will start at 2:30pm. Due to the number of classes involved, and the space available, we are unable to safely accommodate any family members at either of these services on the day. Each class will be contributing to the services, which will be co-ordinated by Mrs Jeffries. Our children are also invited to be part of a Harvest Service at St. George’s Church on Sunday 2nd October as part of the 10:00am service – a letter will be sent out about this over the next few weeks. For Harvest gifts this year we are again asking that children bring in a food item from home (please bring these in W/C Monday 26th September) which will be collated for the staff from Atherton and Leigh Foodbank to collect.

Parent/carer workshops – Throughout September (and at regular points throughout the school year) parent/carer workshops will take place in a variety of topic areas, aimed at different year groups across school. Sessions usually take place straight after school and are then repeated slightly later in the evening. Please see below for the sessions planned for the first half term:

Date	Event
Thursday 15 th September	Inclusion Workshop for all parents/carers – 3:30pm – 4:00pm & 6:00pm – 6:30pm.
Thursday 22 nd September	Early Reading/Phonics Workshop for KS1 parents/carers – 3:30pm – 4:00pm & 6:00pm – 6:30pm.
Thursday 6 th October	Early Reading/Phonics Workshop for Reception parents/carers – 3:30pm – 4:00pm & 6:00pm – 6:30pm.

Our School App – To ensure that you do not miss out on any key events over the course of the school year, on your mobile phone you can download ‘Our School App’ (the green logo on the right) and search for St. George’s Central. You will be able to save our school as your home page and this will provide you with quick links to our school website, Facebook page, my Twitter account and other key information.



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School photographs – We will receive our first visit of the year from the school photographer on **Monday 3rd October**. On this day he will visit both our Darlington Street School site for the morning and our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site for the afternoon. Please note:

- *photographs will be taken of children either individually or with school based siblings (see next bullet point);
- *only children who attend St. George’s Central CE Primary School and Nursery will be photographed;

*any Darlington Street Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Monday morning are invited to bring their child to school at 9:00am to have their photograph taken;

*any Lancaster Avenue Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Monday afternoon are invited to bring their child to nursery at 1:00pm to have their photograph taken.

All children will have their photograph taken and a small ‘sample’ photograph will be sent home for you to decide if you would like to complete any purchases.



ATSA Events – Children and staff at our school regularly take part in lots of sporting events which are organised by ATSA (Atherton and Tyldesley Sports Association). Last year, our school was the only school within the area to meet the ATSA ‘Gold Award’. We will be very much looking to achieve this standard this year and so see below for all the events that will be taking place during this first half term:

ATSA event	Children	Date of event	Venue
Sports Council Meeting	Y6 Sports Council members	Wednesday 21 st September 2022 1:30pm – 3:30pm	St George’s Central school hall
Adult football match	ATSA staff	Friday 23 rd September 2022 5:00pm KO	Atherton Collieries
VX Taster Session	5 x Y5/6 (30 children limit)	Monday 26 th September 2022 4pm – 5pm	Fred Longworth High School sportshall
Quicksticks Competition (Hockey)	Y5/6	Monday 3 rd October 2022 4pm start	Fred Longworth High School MUGA pitch
Boxing Taster Session	2 x Y5/6	Wednesday 5 th October 2022 4pm – 5pm	St George’s Central school hall
Kickstarterz (Pre-School Sports Skills)	Reception (18 children limit)	Monday 10 th October 2022 4pm – 4:45pm	St George’s Central school hall
Yoga Taster Session	Y5/6 (16 children limit)	Tuesday 11 th October 2022 4pm – 4:45pm	St George’s Central school hall
Futsal Competition	Y3/Y4	Thursday 13 th October 2022 4:15pm – 5:30pm	Fred Longworth High School sportshall
Cross Country Competition	Y3 – Y6	Thursday 20 th October 2022 1 st race: 2:00pm	Atherton High School field



For more information about ATSA, look on the website: www.atsa.org.uk, look for the green logo (left) on Facebook or search for ‘atsa2011’ on Instagram.

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 30th September. Please ensure that we have an up to date copy of your current contact details (email and mobile phone number) so that you do not miss out on any information as we send most information out via email. We do have paper copies of most documents in the letter holders in the entrance area and these are regularly updated. So please feel free to nip in and pick up a copy of what you may need. Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks as we return to school/nursery.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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