



Monday 6th September 2021

Dear St Cuthbert parents and carers,



Welcome to our new academic year - we hope you have all had a restful summer break and that our St Cuthbert community has kept well over the summer. We look forward to a rewarding learning year, despite any challenges that we may need to negotiate, and thank you in advance for your support in the coming year. I thought that in our first week back to school, it would be helpful for me to write to you with some important housekeeping updates:

Breakfast Club:

Our Breakfast Club is open each morning from 7.30 am at a cost of £2.50, and 7.45am at a cost of £2.00. Payments are made online via **Pay 360** (previously known as **SIMS Pay**). We are asking parents to book at least 24 hours in advance. Our Breakfast Club is not open to 2 year old nursery pupils at this stage. Children are taken to class by overseeing adults at 8.45am.

Play Centre:

Our Play Centre runs from end of school day and/or end of clubs until 6pm. Payment will be made through **Pay 360** (previously known as **SIMS Pay**). We continue to ask our parents to book and make payment at least 24 hours in advance. Should you need to make a late booking due to an emergency, please contact the school office to check availability before making the payment online. Our Play Centre is not open to 2 year old nursery pupils at this stage.

There are three options for provision and payment:

Option 1: end of school day – 4.30pm: Y1-Y6-£6.50; YN2 and YR-£8.00

Option 2: end of school day – 6.00pm: Y1-Y6-£10.50; YN2 and YR-£12.50

Option 3: end of club – 6.00pm: Y1-Y6-£6.50; YN2 and YR-£8.00

Late pick-up:

Late fees of £5 apply for late pick-up (15 minutes after end of school day, club or Play Centre per child). Payment will be made through **Pay 360** (previously known as **SIMS Pay**).

Class donations:

Each term we request a class donation of £5 per term per child to assist us with learning resources for classes. We will be sending out a small envelope for this purpose in the coming weeks.

School Dinner Payment:

School dinner costs are £2.25. These payments must be made on **Pay 360**.

Home Learning:

Weekly home-learning is set. A half term project is also set. Reading journals will be signed by parents on a daily basis to acknowledge that set reading has been completed. Thank you for supporting us with this aspect of home-learning. Children will access Mathletics, Lexia and Google Classroom via their own passwords. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child does not have these log in details. A useful link to follow regarding online safety at home is:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Emergency Contact Details:

In line with government requirements, we ask all parents to ensure that we have three emergency contact phone numbers for your child. We will be sending data collection letters out this week.

Attendance:

The government expects 96% and above attendance by pupils. Parents MUST ring the school absence line each morning by 8.30am that their child is absent, and provide a reason for the absence. Schools are required to report families to Children Services who are not compliant with this, should it be noted that unauthorised absence is being taken causing poor attendance percentages.

Thank you for ensuring that your child is attending in line with this requirement of 96%. For information about absence due to illness, please follow these links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/>

Class Meetings/ Book Looks:

This September, following RBKC guidance for gatherings, we are endeavouring to have Class Meetings outdoors and these class gathering will also provide you with a chance to view your child's books from last year as promised in summer term.

We are aiming to hold these in the next couple of weeks and will send out specific timings to our families. These are vital meetings at which very important information will be handed out to parents.

Clubs:

After School Club information will be sent out later this week. Please keep alert for these details about clubs, days and timings which will be coming home as hard copy sheets, and uploaded onto our website later in the week.

Thank you for your support as we start a new school year!

With kind regards,



Miss Putterill