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3rd September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new school year at St. Francis! I hope you all had a good summer with family and friends and enjoyed some of the tropical weather we had. I look forward to our continued partnership working together in order to support your child(ren) to reach their full potential.

We extend a warm welcome to our new parish priest Fr Michael O'Grady and say a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing parish priest Fr Michael Copps. Fr Michael Copps has been a great source of support and spiritual guidance for the school. We look forward to continuing this relationship with Fr Michael O'Grady.

Temporary Road Closure - Bow Street

Over the summer holidays, we were made aware of the fact that the new building development across the street from St Francis' secured a temporary order to close the access to Bow Street until 30th November 2018 as an essential part of their construction. We realize that this will cause some inconvenience and will add time to the dropping off and picking up times for our families, however we ask that if possible parents leave their cars at home or park a few roads away from the school. If we continue to have a large number of parents, trying to drop their children off at the school gates in their cars it will lead to extended delays and frustration for all those involved. The cooperation of all our families will be greatly appreciated to ensure that this time passes with a spirit of cooperation for the school and the local community.

Mass

We will have mass to celebrate the start of the school year and ask for God's blessing for all our children and families on **Friday, 7th September at 9:30 in St Francis Church**; parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Curriculum Meetings

Over the next few weeks, we will be holding curriculum meetings for Nursery, Reception and year 6. The Nursery and Reception meetings will provide information about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, what your child will be learning throughout the year, how you can help your child at home and applying for full time school for children currently in Nursery.

The year 6 meeting will provide information about secondary transfer so it is vital that someone attends.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

The meetings are as follows:

Monday, 10th September 2018 at 5:30 p.m. - Reception

Wednesday, 12th September 2018 at 5:30 p.m. - Year 6

Thursday 4th October 2018 at 5:30 p.m. - Nursery

Unfortunately, crèche facilities are not available for these meetings.

Class and Individual Photos

The class and individual photos for this academic year will be taken on **Friday, 14th September**. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform.

Years Reception to year six

- navy blue blazer (**Years 1 - 6**)
- white shirt
- school tie
- navy blue trousers, skirt or pinafore
- girls may wear white socks or navy/black tights
- boys may wear navy/black socks
- black school shoes
- grey cardigan/jumper (**optional for winter uniform, but compulsory for Reception**)

For girls:

- hair bands, clips and ribbons should be in white, navy blue or black
- hair styles should be simple and age appropriate (no coloured hair)
- no nail varnish or make up of any form
- small studs earring are allowed but no hoop or dangly earrings

Boys are asked to have their hair trimmed in a sober, age appropriate manner for school so there should be no:

- pony tails, mohawks, coloured hair patches
- no symbols or brand or designs cut into the scalp
- no earrings for school

All children should wear black school shoes no trainers are allowed.

School Calendar for 2018-2019

Please see attached the school dates for this academic year.

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs will begin on Monday 10th September 2018; letters were sent via email last week and parents are able to book ParentPay.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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St Francis' Catholic Primary School Proposed Term and Holiday Dates 2018/19

August 2018							September 2018							October 2018							November 2018						
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Key:

	Holiday
	Training day – school closed
	Pupil day – school open

Notes:

Christmas – Tuesday 25 December
Easter – Friday 19 April and Monday 21 April