

August 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

As another successful year for All Hallows draws to a close and we look forward to the summer holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on staffing changes and to remind you of some of our policies and procedures.

### **Staffing Changes**

Mrs Greaves (Director of Inclusion) left All Hallows at the end of term and we would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment to our most vulnerable pupils. We wish her every success in her new school.

We are excited to welcome the following new members of staff in September:

Mrs N Jackson	Director of Inclusion
Miss K Gilmore	RE Teacher
Mr P Hives	RE Teacher
Mr D Oakley	English Teacher
Mr C Ives-Keeler	English Teacher
Miss D Clegg	Girls PE Teacher
Mr C Anderson	Maths Teacher
Miss R Newman	Maths Teacher
Miss Y Truong	Teaching Assistant
Mr H Adu-Opoku	Pastoral Support Worker

The Pupil Progress Leaders from September 2019 will be:

Year 7	Mr Reid and Mr Shadwell
Year 8	Miss Gibbons
Year 9	Mrs McAvoy
Year 10	Mr Goodfellow
Year 11	Miss McHale

We would like to remind parents that if you would like to speak to a member of staff regarding your child, please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

We use the parentmail communication system to update parents and we would like to respectfully request that if any of your contact details have changed this academic year please remember to update your parentmail account, and also let school know your new number as soon as possible.

## **Attendance**

The school attendance target is 96% and this year we have reached our highest ever attendance level of 95.3%. Thank you to all parents for your support in improving school attendance. We ask all parents to continue to keep all absences to a minimum for the benefit of your child's education. Additionally, please be reminded that holidays taken during school time will not be authorised and are likely to incur a fine.

## **Reminders**

Thank you to all parents for supporting our high expectations of uniform; the pupils have looked very smart this year. Please be reminded shoes must be plain, black school shoes (no Vans, canvas or sports shoes) – we apply this rule rigidly, providing footwear to be borrowed in cases where pupils are unable to comply. In addition, please be mindful that hairstyles must be conservative in style and colour, and jewellery must be limited to a watch and a pair of small plain studs or hoops in the lower ear.

## **Free School Meals**

We would like to ensure that all our families who are entitled to a Free School Meal are registered with Salford Council. Important changes to the benefit system mean that all families in receipt of Universal Credit are entitled to Free School Meals yet we believe that many children are missing out. For every child that is registered for a Free School Meal All Hallows will receive £935 to help towards supporting these children achieve their full potential. The school receives this extra £935 per year for every year your child attends All Hallows, even if they are only actually entitled to Free School Meals for a few months. It is therefore greatly beneficial to school if you do register with the free school meals service. The extra funds are added to the school budget to pay for extra support in classes, resources and to subsidise school trips etc.

Please provide school with your national insurance number and date of birth because then we are able to support parents to access the Free School Meal system. Even if you are not currently entitled to Free School Meals we can alert you if your family becomes eligible in the future and apply on your behalf.

Further information on Free School Meals and a reply slip is enclosed with this letter and I urge you to complete and return this slip at your earliest opportunity to ensure that your child does not miss out.

## **Enrichment**

There have been numerous initiatives and events throughout the year and below we highlight just a few of them:-

**FACT Project** – This term, Mr Tomlinson's Y9 business studies pupils took part in two further Hackathons as part of the FACT project. The pupils had to use their problem solving and communication skills to come up with solutions to real-life problems faced by local businesses and then present their ideas to the panel.

**Making Salford Project** – Year 8 pupils supported by Mr Burns and Miss Bolton, were tasked with using their creativity and problem solving skills to help design a futuristic vehicle ready for display and 3D printing. In September, they will present their ideas to

school staff before deciding which design will represent All Hallows at the Making Salford presentations sponsored by Morson Group.

**Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** – The Duke of Edinburgh Award has continued this term with pupils completing two overnight expeditions and volunteering opportunities to qualify for the bronze award.

**Inspired to Aspire** – Year 8 and year 9 pupils enjoyed working with business mentors from Salford-based organisation, Property Tectonics developing key employability skills throughout the workshops. They concluded the project with a site-visit to PT offices in Swinton, taking part in a tour of a busy working environment and putting their workplace behaviours to the test.

**Digital Her Roadshow** – A group of our Y8 girls attended the ‘Digital Her’ Roadshow at Future Skills taking part in a range of activities designed to empower young women to consider digital career opportunities available to them.

**GIFT Chaplaincy Celebration Event** – Five Y7/Y8 pupils had the honour and privilege of being commissioned as Pupil Chaplains at Salford Cathedral. They are now officially part of the Chaplaincy Team at All Hallows and the Diocese and were invited to the ‘Growing In Faith Together’ celebration event at St Mary’s Priory.

**Sports Day** – Our annual sports day was a great success this year with an increasing number of pupils taking part competing for their houses. This year, St George’s house were crowned the winners after some very close events, including the staff relay race!

**Muddy run** – Our sponsored ‘muddy run’ for charity has become hugely popular with pupils from all year groups completing the course and raising lots of money for a very worthy cause.

### **Charity**

As a Catholic school, raising money for those less fortunate than us is a high priority. Pupils and staff have engaged in many fun and creative events during the year to raise funds for Caritas and CAFOD. Charities that will be supported in the next academic year include Key103 Cash 4 Kids, St Ann’s Hospice and Salford Loaves and Fishes.

I look forward to welcoming all the pupils safely back to school at **8.30 am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and may God bless all of you.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs A Cavanagh**  
Headteacher

# UNIFORM POLICY

**We aim for All Hallows RC High School to be a Catholic school to which children wish to come, to which parents wish to send their children, and where teachers wish to teach.**

**Our Mission is to offer a high quality Catholic education for all, in an environment where Gospel Values are central to teaching and learning, and in which the unique value of each person is recognised and respected.**

## *Principles*

High standards of behaviour, appearance and achievement are expected of all pupils, to secure the effective delivery of teaching and learning, the promotion of cohesion and good order in the school, the prevention of bullying and for health and safety considerations. Pupils are expected to attend school appropriately dressed and equipped ready to access the learning opportunities provided.

## **School uniform consists of:-**

School blazer ]

School jumper ] available from Whittakers (formerly Wilkinson's), opposite Swinton Civic Centre

School tie ]

White school shirt

Black **knee length** pleated skirt / black tailored trousers

Black or white ankle socks or plain black tights

Plain black **school** shoes – no trainers / canvas / sports shoes

**All** items of uniform must be worn every day and it is advisable that all items are marked with the pupils' name. The wearing of the school jumper may become optional during the warmer months at the discretion of and notification by the Headteacher. **Jewellery** must be limited to a watch and a pair of small plain studs or hoops in the lower ear. These are the **only** piercings which are allowed. **Hair** must be conservative in style and colour. Hair bands must be plain navy blue or black. Make up must not be worn. Any type of nail varnish and / or acrylic nails should not be worn. In colder weather, a blue or black coat may be worn over the full uniform. The wearing of tracksuit tops and sweatshirts (with or without a hood) are not allowed.

**Equipment** – all pupils must bring a school bag which must be large enough to carry an A4 folder, exercise books, planner and pencil case.

<b>PE Kit –</b>	Polo shirt with school logo	]	
	Blue shorts (school issue)	]	to be ordered from school
	Socks	]	

### **Sanctions**

It is expected that all pupils wear all items of uniform. If any pupil chooses to attend school not wearing every item of the specified uniform, the following sanctions will be applied:

- Pupils will be asked to remove any item of clothing which does not comply with the uniform policy. These will be retained for safekeeping by a member of staff then returned at 3pm that day.
- Pupils with incorrect footwear will be expected to loan a pair of shoes from school.
- Where a pupil refuses to comply with uniform policy (including wearing correct footwear), the result could lead to a pupil being given one day in the seclusion unit, being sent home to change and in extreme cases, exclusion. Also, parents could be asked to come into school to discuss the pupils' non-compliance with school policy.

The school is sensitive and supportive of exceptional circumstances where a pupil is not adhering to school uniform policy. If this is the case, parents are asked to provide a written note with details of the uniform infringement and when it will be resolved.

Mobile phones and ipods are not permitted and pupils will be asked to give them to a member of staff and they will be returned at 3pm. Refusal to comply could lead to the pupil being placed in the seclusion unit and parents contacted.

Any and all teachers are expected to apply sanctions.

We reserve the right to respond and address to any unanticipated fashion trends.