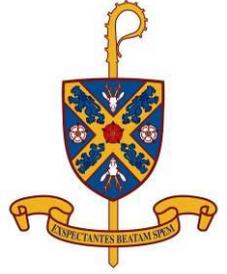




# ST. GERARD'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*'We nurture a caring Christian community where all are valued  
and by working together we will educate and inspire each child.'*

6<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Overleaf is the timetable of events for the full year. This is produced so parents can plan ahead and possibly book time off work to attend sports days, etc. We will make every effort to keep to these dates but we cannot account for unseen circumstances and if an event has to be moved we will give parents as much time as possible to rearrange their schedules.

Parents very kindly send cakes into school to support class events or class birthdays. However, can I remind parents that we do not allow nuts or nut products into school to avoid allergic reactions among the pupils and staff.

We have arranged a meeting for the parents of pupils who are going to London at 2:30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity for parents to go through the proposed timetable and ask questions before the visit on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015. A complete list of items to take will also be provided nearer the time.

I have been asked by local residents to remind parents who park in the nearby streets that access is needed at all times for deliveries, access to homes by care workers and of course ambulances and fire engines. Please make every effort to keep the roads open by parking sensibly and help us to maintain the good relationship we have with our neighbours. Thank you.

I have asked all the teachers to check the inhalers we hold in school for your children to see if they are still in date or if a new one is needed. Parents who have inhalers at home should also check the dates so spares can be organised in good time before educational visits. Children who are on our asthma register should always have an inhaler available for use at school and we cannot let them leave the site for an educational visit without one. Please inform the school if your child no longer needs an inhaler (or any change to a child's medical needs) as soon as possible so we can update school systems and provide the best care for your children.

Can I remind parents that dogs should not be brought onto the school site at any time inside or outside school hours.

The progress towards academy status is now nearing completion and we will become part of the St. Hilda's Catholic Academy Trust on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2015. There will be eleven Catholic schools in the Trust including Trinity Catholic College and we will be able to offer the opportunity for a Catholic education from nursery to sixth-form to all our children. The official school name will change to 'St. Gerard's Primary School a Catholic Voluntary Academy' but there will be very few changes to the day to day workings of the school. In time I hope we will build more links with other schools in the Trust and we will continue to provide the best education of your children.

Yours in Christ,

Head Teacher