



St Benet's Catholic Primary School

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*'A happy and holy place of learning
and the centre of a thriving community'*

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Friday 15th September 2023

Plans for Week Commencing 18-09-23

Dear Parents,

Following on from last night's update, I am now in a position to share the locations of where children shall be working next week.

- Years 1 and 2 – **Stanley Education Centre, next to Shield Row Primary School, Stanley**
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – **St Bede's Catholic Secondary School, Lanchester**
- Reception – **St Benet's – working in Caroline's Library**
- Nursery – **St Benet's – working in the Nursery building**

I am eternally grateful to the staff at St Bede's and Durham County Council who have offered these spaces and moved their own classroom practices around to accommodate our children. Both sites have been visited by St Benet's staff to assess the access and safeguarding arrangements, ensure that our children's needs can be accommodated with regards to furniture, toilet facilities, kitchen facilities and outdoor spaces for playtimes.

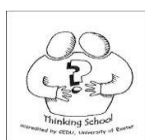
Access around the School Sites

The Stanley Education Centre is completely separate from Sheild Row Primary School, however, we have negotiated with the school playtimes so children can still have some outdoor time. From a safeguarding perspective, new door codes and locks have been fitted and the classroom spaces that the children are working in are completely private to us.

At St Bede's, the children shall be working in a separate block to the St Bede's students. They will have their own toilet facilities, playtimes and access to the dining hall.

Bus Timetables and Staffing Arrangements

Please refer to the bus timetable that was shared with you yesterday. If your child misses the bus, it will be your responsibility to get your child to the school site. St Benet's staff shall be arriving at St Benet's and travelling with the children on the coaches, along with some additional support from lunchtime staff to ensure that ratios are accounted for. As headteacher, I shall be travelling across the three sites. On each site, there shall be a Designated Safeguarding Lead and a member of the senior leadership team.



Wellies

Children in Years 1 and 2 will need to bring their wellies with them to Stanley Education Centre next week.

Home Learning Packs

If your child still has their home learning pack with them at home, please can they bring it on Monday.

Getting Messages to Staff

Mrs Bainbridge, our admin assistant, shall be based at the Stanley site. The school phone can still be accessed if any parents need to leave a message and the message shall then be passed on to any staff member (regardless of what site they are working at). Where possible, we would ask that you would work with us and not pick your child up or drop your child off at the school sites. St Bede's, in particular, has 1300 students on site and the main entrance is very busy with buses and cars dropping off.

In the Event of an Emergency or pre-arranged appointment for your child

If you need to pick up your child in emergency circumstances, for an appointment or if they are ill, please can you ring the school number on 0191 4105857 or email us at stbenets@stbo.bwcet.com (this email box will be monitored constantly) and the message will be passed onto the relevant staff member.

Lunches

Children in Nursery to Year 2 will need a packed lunch on the days they are in school. Meal Vouchers shall be with you early next week for parents of children in Reception to Year 2 and any children in Key Stage 2 who are eligible for free school meals.

Children in Years 3-6 can receive a hot meal that the St Bede's catering team can prepare. Please see the menu below. If you would like your child to receive a meal on a particular day, please complete the Microsoft forms that shall be sent to you in due course.

Monday - Cumberland Ring served with mashed potato, broccoli and gravy.

Tuesday - Traditional Lasagne served with garlic bread and peas

Wednesday - Roast Chicken served with Yorkshire pudding, Roast potatoes, carrots, peas and Gravy

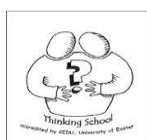
Thursday - Cottage Pie served with roasted carrots and green beans

Friday - Fish fingers, chips and beans

Your child will be given a bottle of water and a choice of a homemade cookie or fresh fruit. The cost of a school meal shall be £2.65.

Reception Access to St Benet's

Reception children shall be working in Caroline's Library. Please note that Caroline's Library is RAAC free and has been assessed by surveyors. As we still have workmen on the roof for the next week, we need to be mindful of access in and out of the main building. Please can all Reception children come to the main entrance between 8:45am and 8:55am. When you collect the children, please come to the main gate for 3:30pm. Thank you for your support.



Nursery Access to St Benet's

The same protocols will remain for collecting and dropping the children off – please come to the pedestrian gate attached to the main car park at the appropriate times.

Hopefully, as parents, you will feel reassured that all the necessary safeguarding and health and safety risks have been considered and adhered to. Copies of the risk assessments for each venue shall be uploaded to our school website over the weekend. This has been a really difficult time for all of us, and I am aware that some parents have been unhappy with the arrangements. However, I hope that you know that as a school, we are doing all that we can to get our children back to their face-to-face education in the best possible way.

As always, thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

We shall see all our children again on Monday 😊

Kindest regards,

Catherine Young
Head teacher

