



# St Bede's Catholic Primary School

With Christ at our side to guide us, we shine in all that we do.

## September

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

INSET day. School closed to pupils

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Back to school

Gates open 8.40am

Breakfast club available as normal.

## **Summer holidays useful contacts**

### Safeguarding Support Contacts

If you have any worries / concerns about your children or would like some advice or support, please contact Mrs Devine via email who will reply to you as soon as possible.

#### **Contact**

**Mrs Devine:**

[cdevine@stbedessouthshields.co.uk](mailto:cdevine@stbedessouthshields.co.uk)

**If your concern is urgent or you need immediate advice please contact one of the services below:**

### **Social Care Advice and Support**

**Early Help Outreach Advice:** 0191 424 6210

**Children's Services (ISIT):** 0191 424 5010

**Children's Services (Out of Hours):** 0191 456 2093

### **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**

**Lifecycle Service** – free mental and emotional health support – 0191 2832937

**CYPS** – free mental health support for young people who are experiencing serious mental illness or symptoms of ill mental health – 0191 – 5665500

**ICTS – Crisis Team** – free emergency support for young people who present an immediate risk to themselves or others – 0191 5665500 and ask for Crisis Team.

### **FOOD BANKS**

#### **Key2Life**

<https://keycommunity.org.uk/what-we-do/key-to-life-foodbank/>

**Hospitality & Hope** – 0191 420 3336

<https://hospitalityandhope.org.uk/>

**Hebburn Helps** – 0191 4899707

<https://hebburnhelps.co.uk/>

## Headteacher message

### Dear parents and carers

As we draw to the close of another fantastic school year, I would like to thank you once again on behalf of myself and my staff for your wonderful support and commitment to the school. Thank you also for your kind words and gifts; they are very much appreciated. Together we have had an incredibly busy, but happy and successful year.

### Celebrating Our Students

Our wonderful children here at St. Bede's have flourished academically, socially, and emotionally throughout the year. They have embraced challenges, celebrated successes, shown remarkable resilience. From outstanding performances in school plays and sports teams to excelling in music and dance festivals, our children have showcased their diverse talents and hard work. These achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our parents, teachers and staff.

### Leavers

We say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 students as they move on to start their new journeys in their secondary schools. They have shown remarkable progress and dedication throughout the year as evidenced in their SATs results. Congratulations to everyone for their efforts! We are extremely proud of everything they have achieved here at St. Bede's, for their resilience and hard work and for the incredible young people they have become. We know they have bright futures ahead of them using their many and varied talents. With Christ at their side to guide them, I am sure they will continue to shine in all that they do.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs McDonald and Mrs Welsh who are both moving on in September. They will be greatly missed by all, but we wish them luck in their exciting new roles. They have both been dedicated and valued members of staff who have played a huge role in the pastoral care of our children.

### Thanking Our Teachers and Staff

Our teachers and staff have gone above and beyond, demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to nurturing and educating our students. Their dedication, creativity, and passion have created a stimulating and supportive learning environment where every child can thrive.

### Appreciating Our Parents

Whether volunteering at school events, assisting with homework, attending parent-teacher meetings, or providing encouragement at home, your contributions have made a significant impact. Your partnership with us ensures that our children receive the valuable support they need to grow and succeed.

### Community and Support

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our PTFA for their amazing efforts in organising fundraising activities and events, and to all parents and carers for your continued support. The celebration day they organised as an end-of-year treat for the children was fantastic and the children absolutely loved their time bouncing on all of the inflatables and enjoying their ice creams and popcorn. The squeals of delight and happy, smiley faces was a wonderful sight (and that was just the staff!).

### School Uniform

I would greatly appreciate your support with ensuring that the children wear the correct uniform to school in September please.

Our uniform is purposefully simple and cost effective to ensure that the children look smart and feel comfortable while in school. We want the children to feel a sense of belonging and to feel proud to be part of St. Bede's and our uniform helps us to achieve this. Branded items have been kept to a minimum to help to make our uniform affordable as we appreciate the financial burden school uniform has on parents.

I have attached a copy of our uniform policy below. **Please note that children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school.** If the children are getting their ears pierced it would be best to do this near the start of the holidays to give their ears a chance to heal before coming back to school in September. **Earrings are not allowed to be worn in school.** Hairstyles also need to be appropriate for school too please. Avoid tracks / designs being shaved into hair and extremes of colours

### Uniform Donations

We are happy to accept donations of school uniform, school coats, PE kit, trainers / shoes that are in good condition so we can recycle them.

### Looking Forward

As we look ahead to the next school year, we remain committed to fostering a collaborative community where every member plays a vital role. We will continue to build on the strong foundation we have created together, striving to provide the best possible educational experience for our children.

Together we have created a nurturing and empowering environment that allows our children to dream, learn, and grow.

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we come to the close of another school year, we pause to give You thanks for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us. We are grateful for the growth, learning, and achievements of our students and the dedication and care of our teachers and staff.

We thank You for the friendships formed and the community built, for the challenges faced and the perseverance shown, and for the joy and laughter that have filled our days.

As we look forward to the summer break, we ask for Your protection and guidance. Keep our students safe, and help them to find rest and rejuvenation in their time away from school. Bless our teachers and staff with well-deserved rest and the joy of time spent with loved ones.

May we all return with renewed energy and enthusiasm, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new school year. Help us to continue to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and compassion, always striving to live according to Your will.

In Your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Warm regards,

Mrs Carol Devine

### **St. Bede's South Shields School Uniform Policy**

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all pupils and any pupil arriving at school in non-uniform may expect to be sent home to make the appropriate changes:

- Hair colour and style must be appropriate for school: extremes of colour and style are not permitted. Decisions on appropriateness will be made by the headteacher and /or the deputy headteacher.
- Jewellery is not permitted in school, including earrings, although a wrist watch may be worn.
- Make up is not permitted in school, including nail varnish, transfer tattoos etc.
- Body piercing of any kind is not permitted.

**To support parents with the cost of uniform our branded items of clothing have been kept to a minimum. All of the uniform listed below is required to be worn to school unless stated otherwise. Emblematic is our main uniform supplier for branded items and a link to an order form can be found here ( [Emblematic Order Form](#) ) or on the school website. Our branded items of uniform can also be purchased from other local retailers. Non-branded items of uniform can be purchased more widely. To encourage recycling, our uniform can also be purchased for a small donation from our PTA.**

#### **Boys:**

- Plain **grey** tailored school trousers or plain **grey** tailored school shorts
- Blue polo shirt with school logo
- Grey sweatshirt with school logo
- Grey or black socks
- Black shoes with black laces or Velcro

#### **Girls:**

- Plain **grey** school skirt, plain **grey** school pinafore or plain **grey** tailored school trousers (please contact the school if you are unsure of the appropriate style to avoid buying trousers that are not acceptable)
- Blue and white checked dress may be worn in warmer weather
- Blue polo shirt with school logo
- Grey sweatshirt with school logo or grey cardigan with school logo
- White or grey socks or grey tights
- Black shoes with black laces or Velcro

#### **P.E. Uniform:**

- White t shirt with school logo (optional) - plain white t shirts can also be worn
- Royal blue shorts
- Black / navy plain jogging bottoms
- Plimsolls or training shoes

#### **Optional:**

- We have a range of coats, school bags and P.E. bags available

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