

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Welcome to our new families

We are delighted that you and your child are joining Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, this coming September 2020. On behalf of the Staff, Governors, children and parents, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your family to our school.

Ordinarily, we would be writing to you to invite you to a number of events and meetings. However, due to the current situation, this is not possible. We find ourselves in an unprecedented set of circumstances and anticipate the possible anxiety your family may currently feel about your child's transition into Reception, but we would like to assure you that an induction process of some kind will take place; however, currently you will understand that we cannot be specific about how and when.

Schools are working within a constantly changing environment, with different versions of guidance coming from the DfE on a daily basis. We therefore ask for your patience whilst we put together plans which are practical, flexible and above-all mutually beneficial in supporting the best possible start to your child's school life.

As tempting as it might be to ring our school office with a list of questions, we ask that you please wait until you hear from us instead. We promise that we will be in touch soon to share our plans for induction once we are clearer about the way forward nationally.

We hope that many of your questions will be answered by reading through the information within this pack or by visiting our school website. However, please do not hesitate to email our office at: enquiries@admin.sacredheart.wigan.sch.uk if you have an urgent question and we will respond as soon as we can.

We fully understand how worried you might be about your child's induction but the most important thing at the moment is that you and your child are well and happy; we will be ready to resume learning quickly and positively when this is all over. Please be assured that we are committed to working through this challenging time together.

PROUD of our children; PROUD of our school; PROUD of our faith

If your child does not already attend our Nursery, we will be talking to pre-school and nursery settings, as we always do, to find out where your child is in their learning. We will also be talking to you directly to find out about your child's preferences; things they particularly enjoy, find difficult etc. These conversations usually take place within the context of a stay and play visit to school in July, however if this is not possible, due to the current situation, we will think creatively to ensure that we receive all of the information that we need about your child.

Due to the current circumstances, Wigan LA have changed the way that places for Reception are refused for this year. Parents who are accepting the place, do not need to do anything. Parents who are refusing the place, need to do so by e-mail or by returning the refusal slip. All returns should be made to the Local Authority. For any queries please contact schoolplaces@wigan.gov.uk or telephone the Councils Contact Centre on 01942 489013.

Contained with this pack is a copy of our school prospectus, which provides extensive information about Sacred Heart and this may answer many of the questions you will have. You will also find an Admissions booklet, which I would be grateful if you could complete and return to school. This is an important booklet which contains lots of essential and confidential information about you and your child. It can be returned by post to the school address at the top of this letter. Or alternatively, a copy is available on our school website, where it can be downloaded, completed and e-mailed to our school office.

Please return your child's Admission Information Booklet to Sacred Heart by Friday 22nd May.

Every single child in the country, that will start Reception in the autumn term, will be in the same position as yours. Our promise to you is that; we will continue to work in partnership, to ensure your child's start to school is both as exciting and positive as we can collectively make it. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into school once it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. Mason
Headteacher