



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

Dear St. Gregory's Families,

As we approach the end of another successful school year at St. Gregory's, we look ahead with great excitement to the new school year in September, ready to build on our strengths and continue to grow together as a school community.

### Staffing News for September and Transition

As always, a new school year brings with it some changes to our staffing structure. I'm very happy that we will be moving into September with our wonderful St. Gregory's team in its entirety, with only minimal changes to how staff are deployed. Below, you will find an overview of the teaching and support staff who will be working in classes across the school from September:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Classroom Support Staff</u>	
Nursery	Mrs R Fidler	Ms C Riley	Mrs J Mottram
Reception	Miss L Connolly	Miss A Brown	
Year 1	Miss L Moores	Mrs S Meath	Mrs R Eastwood
Year 2	Mrs L Thompson	Mrs P Richardson	Mrs L Armstrong/Mrs L Green
Year 3	Mrs M Gordon	Mrs L Green / Miss H Perrin	<b>KS2 Afternoon Support:</b> Mrs H Wilford-Richardson Mrs C Mooney Mrs J Williams
Year 4	Mrs J Povey	Mrs H Wilford-Richardson	
Year 5	Miss A Weston	Mrs C Mooney	
Year 6	Miss H Brown	Mrs J Williams	

Transition work for EYFS and Year 6 is already well underway. We will have our usual transition morning next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, where children will spend time in their new classes with their adults.

### Changes to the Timings of the School Day

From September, we will be making some small changes to the timings of the compulsory school day. This is to ensure that all children receive the nationally recommended minimum of 32.5 hours of education each week. Please see below for the updated start and end times for each class:

	<u>Morning Provision</u>	<u>Afternoon Provision</u>
Nursery	9am – 12pm	1pm – 3pm

	<u>Window of Welcome</u>	<u>Compulsory Start Time</u>	<u>Finish Time</u>
Reception	8.35am – 8.40am (School gates will be open for children from 8.35am.)	8.40am (The compulsory school day begins at 8.40am.)	3.10pm
Year 1			3.10pm
Year 2			3.10pm
Year 3			3.15pm
Year 4			3.15pm
Year 5			3.20pm
Year 6			3.20pm

## **Wraparound Provision: Bookings, Timings and Charges for 2025 - 2026**

Our wraparound provision remains incredibly popular, from the warm welcome and breakfast at the start of the day, to the fun and games at the end; our children and staff thoroughly enjoy the time spent together either side of the school day.

To ensure that we can continue to provide the correct levels of staffing and maintain the quality of our provision, we must make a few small changes to the setup of our provision. Due to the rising costs of staffing, utilities and resources, we are having to make a small increase to our wraparound charges from September. We have worked hard over the past few years to avoid passing these costs on to families, absorbing as much of the additional expenditure as possible. However, to ensure the continued sustainability of our provision, we must now implement a revised pricing structure and insist that all wraparound places (whether Breakfast Club or The Hub) are booked and paid for in advance.

**Breakfast Club:**                      **£3.50 p/child**    Open from 7.45am (last admittance 8.30am)

*There will no longer be a premium and standard rate for Breakfast Club, instead there will be one set charge of **£3.50**.*

**Afterschool Hub:**        **£10 p/child**     Until 5.45pm (Mondays-Thursdays) and 4.45pm (Fridays)

*There will no longer be separate charges for the first hour and the whole session, instead there will be one set charge of £10 for accessing The Hub.*

## **Booking Your Child a Place in Wraparound Provision**

For both Breakfast Club and The Hub, places must be booked and paid for in advance. If the place is no longer required, advance notice must be given, so school may offer the place to a family in need and/or adjust staffing accordingly. Places that are not cancelled in advance will still be charged for; this includes if a child is absent from school on the day for any reason.

It is essential that all families using our wraparound service make payments in advance of receiving the service, so that we can avoid significant arrears building up and school can meet the expenditure. This will also help prevent additional financial pressures on families and ensure the smooth running of the service for all.

## **Afterschool Clubs**

School staff continue to work with the pupil voice to ensure we provide a wide range of afterschool clubs, meeting the pupils' requests and interests as much as possible. Clubs will continue to run from the end of the school day until 4.20pm and will change and develop seasonally. Please note that clubs will always run from the *second* week of a new half-term.

## **Parent Pay**

To help avoid balances falling into arrears, we suggest adding credit to your ParentPay account in advance, with the flexibility to top up as and when needed. Please note that any outstanding balances must be cleared by the end of each half term and must not be carried over. As always, if families are having difficulty in meeting payment deadlines, we urge you to speak with a member of our office or leadership, who will work with your family in the strictest confidence to arrange a suitable payment schedule.

## **Parking**

In an effort to make the environment outside our school safer for all our children and reduce dangerous congestion at drop of and collection times, we would like to ask parents/carers to sign a parking pledge if they drive their children to and from school. A message containing the pledge will be sent to all parents via the App in due course.

## **School uniform – Autumn Term**

As we move into the new school year, we will return to our Autumn/Winter uniform, as detailed below. Our school-recommended supplier is Premier Sports and School Wear Ltd, Ormskirk:

<https://premierwearuk.net/product-category/schools-academies/shop-by-school/st-gregorys-primary-school-lydiate/>. Please note that our Free School Uniform Shop will be available to families at the school entrance next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, as well as on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September (INSET day). As always, if the shop is not publicly displayed, please feel free to ask and we will be more than happy to put the available items out for families.

<b>Nursery Class</b>	<b>Reception and Key Stage 1</b>	<b>Key Stage 2</b>
St. Gregory's Sweatshirt Plain, Bottle-Green Joggers Plain Gold Polo Shirt Black Pumps (not trainers)	St. Gregory's Jumper / Cardigan St. Gregory's Gold Polo Shirt St. Gregory's Book Bag Dark Grey Long Trousers Grey Socks Bottle-Green Skirt White Socks/Tights Black School Shoes (not trainers) Water Bottle	St. Gregory's Jumper / Cardigan White Shirt St. Gregory's Green & Gold Tie Dark Grey Long Trousers Grey Socks Bottle-Green Skirt White Socks/Tights Black School Shoes (not trainers) Appropriately sized School Bag Water Bottle

## **Shining a Spotlight on our St. Gregory's Staff**

As the year draws to a close, we would also like to hear from you about any school adults — whether teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, or others — who have made a special difference to your child or family's school experience this year. Recognising the care, dedication, expertise and efforts of school staff helps us celebrate the positive impact they have, inspiring us all to keep striving for excellence in all aspects of school life.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership (and my thanks for reaching the end of this very long letter!). I look forward to working together in the year ahead as we continue to serve the children and families of St. Gregory's with joy, purpose and care.

With my sincere thanks for your continued support and ongoing partnership, and with every good wish,



**Mr Joseph Perree**  
Headteacher