



St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

'Together, in Jesus, we Love, Learn, Create and Celebrate!'

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Dear St. Gregory's Community,

It has been a joy to welcome all our children back to St. Gregory's this week. The children have settled into routines wonderfully and have thrived upon returning to be with their class friends and staff. There is a real buzz and energy around school – a sense of joy, togetherness and purpose as we begin the new academic year.

Celebration of the Word – 'Let Your Light Shine'

In our Celebration of the Word this week, we reflected on Matthew 5:16: *'Let your light shine before others.'* This linked beautifully with the feast of our patron, Pope St. Gregory the Great, and with our Mission Statement. Both continue to unite and guide us in our thoughts, our words and our daily actions. We reminded ourselves that we are called to shine our light each day – through kindness, service, faith, and joy in learning.



Timings of the School Day – Thank You!



I would also like to thank you for your cooperation and understanding with our slightly adapted start times. It has been both reassuring and warming to see so few latecomers this week – a real reflection of families prioritising a punctual start to the day, giving children the best opportunity to learn from the very first moment. Having observed and considered feedback, from Monday **the morning gate will**

open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am, allowing for a 10-minute Window of Welcome. In further consideration of families' needs, our **morning Nursery session will now begin at 8.45am**, instead of 9.00am. We hope these small changes support both families and school in achieving a smoother, punctual and productive start to the day.

School Uniform

Many thanks too for your support with our school uniform policy. The children have looked truly wonderful this week. At the end of just the first week, we already have a number of unclaimed jumpers that do not have names in them. We must insist that all items are clearly labelled – ideally with sewn-in or ironed-on labels, though a permanent marker is the minimum expectation. This not only saves families from unnecessary expense in replacing items, but also prevents lost learning time for children.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Next week, we look forward to welcoming you to our *Meet the Teacher* sessions, which will take place straight after school (beginning at approximately 3.25pm) in the relevant classrooms. The relevant class children may wait in the school hall for this short session, supervised by our school staff. These sessions will provide an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and to hear about the year ahead:



- **Year 1:** Thursday 11th September
- **Year 2:** Friday 12th September
- **Year 3:** Monday 8th September
- **Year 4:** Thursday 18th September
- **Year 5:** Tuesday 9th September
- **Year 6:** Monday 15th September

Our Wonderful Environment!

Finally, thank you once again for your ongoing support, cooperation and partnership at the start of this new year. I would also like to extend special thanks to Mr Jones and our teaching staff, who worked tremendously hard over the summer to ensure our school environment is both beautiful and ready to inspire our children on their return. Here's to a happy, faith-filled and successful year ahead!

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Perree', written in a cursive style.

Mr Joseph Perree
Headteacher