



The Redeemer Church of England Primary School

Monthly Update - September 2023

A message from Mr Power

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a really exciting couple of weeks welcoming everyone back.

I hope you have all had a lovely, restful and enjoyable summer with your friends and family! Here in school we extend an especially warm welcome to Miss Skidmore, Mr Grant, Mrs Seery and to our new Reception Pupils and their families.

Over the summer, Mr Smallridge and Miss Allen got married.... to Emma and Stuart—special congratulations to them.

We know for some it has been a time of sadness and we keep those in our thoughts and prayers.

Our site and cleaning team have done an amazing job over the summer. Often you don't notice a job unless you do it. To say they have cleaned is an understatement ...they have dug and scrubbed, painted and emptied, buffed and drilled, hoovered and power washed ... and we have a school which looks pristine, so a big thank you to them.

As we embark on this exciting new academic year, I want to assure you that we are dedicated to providing the best possible educational experiences for your child. We look forward to working together, fostering a love for learning, and creating fantastic memories along the way.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Power

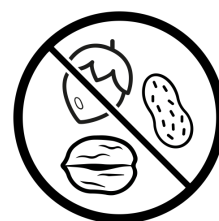


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New Academic Year Reminders

As you may be aware, we have several pupils within our school community who suffer from severe nut allergies. Exposure to nuts, even in small amounts, can have life-threatening consequences for these individuals. Therefore, we kindly request your support in ensuring that **no nut-based products** are brought onto the school premises.



Please take a moment to **review the medication your child requires in school** i.e. Inhalers, creams etc and make sure it has not expired. In addition, if there have been any changes to your child's prescribed medication, it is crucial that you inform us immediately. By completing a new medical form at our school office.



To ensure the safety of your child, **we kindly request that you notify your child's class teacher or the school office whenever someone different is going to collect your child from school.** We kindly request that you provide a password for the adult who will be collecting your child via the School Office or Class Dojo.



This password will serve as an additional safeguard, ensuring that only authorised individuals can pick up your child from school.

Both the pedestrian and vehicle gates will be kept shut throughout the school day and parents/carers and visitors can access the school site by using the intercom system which is linked to our school office. The vehicle access gate will automatically lock between the times set out below. Any vehicles that have entered the site prior to these times will be required to wait until this automatic lock setting is inactive.



The times the gates will be automatically locked are:

8:40am – 9:00am and 3:10pm – 3:30pm



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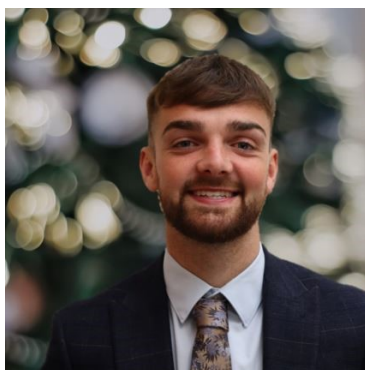
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A Warm Welcome

We are delighted to introduce and welcome three talented individuals who have joined our Redeemer Team this year. These new additions to our staff will undoubtedly enhance our school community and contribute to the educational journey of all our students.



Mrs Seery



Mr Grant



Miss Skidmore

Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your support in ensuring that our students return to school looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms. We firmly believe that a smart uniform contributes to a positive and focused learning environment, whilst also preparing our children for future professional settings.

The school uniform children are expected to wear is as follows:

Sweatshirt or cardigan – purple with our school logo

Skirt or pinafore – tailored, grey.

Trousers – tailored, grey, long or short.

Lemon polo shirt

Socks or tights – plain white or grey.

Shoes – black, flat, sensible.

In the summer, between Easter and October half term lemon check dresses may be worn





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Dear Parents/Carers,

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at our school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At The Redeemer Church of England Primary School, we get an extra £1,455 (figures are for the 2023/2024 financial year) for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- School Trips/Visitors
- ICT Equipment and Subscriptions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions



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Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please contact:

Mr Luke Devine - Pupil Premium Lead

Or visit - <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>



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Upcoming Dates - Autumn 1

Wednesday 20th September—Meet the Teacher 15:30 - 16:00 and 17:15 - 17:45

Friday 22nd September—Macmillan Coffee Morning 10:00 - 11:00

Sunday 1st October—Harvest Church Service for all year groups 9:30am

Wednesday 11th October—Whole School Open Evening 15:20-17:15

Wednesday 11th October—Open Evening for Prospective Parents for EYFS 2024 - 2025

Friday 20th October—School finishes at 15:20 for Half Term.

Tuesday 31st October—School reopens for autumn 2 Term

