



# St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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## School Newsletter

**School Vision:** Our aim at St. Francis Church of England Primary School is to guide our children to live fulfilling lives, rooted in the values taught by Jesus based on the gospel value of love for one another.

**School Mission Statement:** Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.

**School Values:** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**Date:** 18.06.2021

### Worship Theme

We continued our current them of 'diversity and equality' with clear links to a couple our school rules:

- 1) We treat each other as we want to be treated
- 2) We know and celebrate that we are all different

This week we spoke about gender equality and what this meant. The term gender equality means that all people of all genders are able to enjoy the same rights and opportunities in all aspects of their lives.

UK laws now mean that men and women should have equal rights in all areas such as pay, the right to vote and the job they do.

### Speak to your child about:

- What does 'diversity' mean?
- What does 'diversity' look like?
- Why is 'diversity' so important?
- What does the rule 'We treat each other as we want to be treated' mean and look like?
- What does the rule 'We know and celebrate we are all different' mean and look like?
- How important is it to speak up and out about gender inequality?



### Picture News: (<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/19-20/84388>)



**British Values**  
 14<sup>th</sup> June – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Mutual Respect and Tolerance**  
 Some people have more confidence to speak in public than others. It is helpful to work as a team and give others our support if some of our classmates find it more difficult.

## School Uniform

The school's uniform is a unisex uniform and any items can be worn by either gender. Please note 'G/W' next to an item of clothing means this is available at Grays and Whitakers uniform shop. Other items, if available and unbranded, can be bought from any shop.

#### Year EYFS to Year 5:

- White, blue or gold school polo shirt G/W
- Royal Blue school sweatshirt / cardigan G/W
- Navy blue or tartan skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue check dress with white socks may be worn in the summer months
- Grey trousers / shorts
- White, navy blue or grey socks
- White or navy blue tights
- Black shoes (these can be plain black trainers for the whole week)

#### Year 6:

- White shirt, school tie and a knitted navy blue jumper or cardigan

**NOTE:** Changes to the uniform colours in line with PE kit will be made for September 2022.

### P.E. Kit

At St Francis, children must attend school in the following PE kit on their PE days or days in which they have a sports club. This kit will also be used for educational visits if appropriate and also days involving more outdoor learning.

- Gold, purple or royal green t-shirt (logo options) G/W
- Royal blue hoody or zip-up hoody (logo options) G/W
- Plain (unbranded) navy joggers or leggings
- Plain (unbranded) navy shorts
- Plain trainers (Velcro if child is not able to tie shoe laces)

## Jewellery

Items of jewellery can cause serious accidents. Therefore, children are asked not to wear jewellery (necklaces, earrings, bracelets, friendship bands) in school for safety reasons. Watches are permitted. Children will NOT be allowed to participate in P.E. / Games / Swimming lessons if they are wearing any sort of the above items because of potential injury to themselves or other children. Watches should be removed and long hair should be tied back for P.E. and Games. It is recommended that children who have their ears pierced should do so at the beginning of the summer holiday. This will enable adequate healing time before returning to school at the start of the school year.

### Online Safeguarding Training - FREE - Parents/Carers

**Let's keep kids safe online**

Having to stay home means kids are spending even more time exploring the online world. There's lots of exciting and educational stuff for them to discover, but there can be some risks too.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.

The next workshop is on:

**Date:** Wednesday 23rd June 2021  
**Time:** 6pm to 7pm  
**Where:** This will take place online

To register go to:  
<https://tinyurl.com/BwDOnlineSafety>

In partnership with:  
 NSPCC, YOUTH ACTION, children's, BLACKBURN WITH GARDNER, BLACKBURN DISTRICT

To book, click: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-keep-kids-safe-online-safety-session-for-parents-carers-tickets-158559097529>

## COVID-19 - Update

Unfortunately, we have experienced a few bubble closures recently. This appears to be the case for a number of schools. Closing a bubble is not something that we want to do and it extremely sad when it happens. It seems harder to do it at this time as the Summer holiday looms and the first potential date of restrictions easing further approaches.

Please can we ask that all adults who can, wear masks for drop-off and pick-up. Please ensure you leave site without mixing children between bubbles. We continues to follow our risk assessment to ensure we are operating COVID-safe measures.

Please can we ask that parents/carers take the cautious approach and ensure any child who is feeling unwell, that they are not sent to school. Please note, children experiencing tummy upset symptoms are advised to get a PCR test.

## After-School Clubs - Multisport

Unfortunately, after-school clubs for Year 2 and 4 are cancelled next week due to isolating members of staff.

## Sports Week

We were going to be holding some sporting events next week in line with National Sports Week, however, with a couple of classes closed at present, we are going to move this back a week and try again!

## After-School Club (ASC) News

Please see poster below for more information regarding PALS who will be running our ASC from September 2021.

**PALS Play And Learn Scheme**

**AFTERSCHOOL CARE CLUB AT ST FRANCIS C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHERRY TREE LANE, BLACKBURN, BB2 5NX**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

**Provision:** We aim to provide a happy, positive environment where children can feel safe and secure at all times.

**Attitudes:** By developing effective relationships with peers, teachers, parents and guardians we aim to improve the community and enhance the community spirit.

**Learning:** By providing a stimulating and engaging learning environment, our aim is to develop children mentally, physically and emotionally.

**Self:** We want to promote a child's self-esteem, development and confidence using constructive dialogue and positive attitudes.

**FOOD AND DRINK:** Children are offered a picnic meal which includes a sandwich, biscuit or cake, fruit and a drink.

**USEFUL INFO:**

**Tax Credits** - As a registered childcare provider you can claim tax credits for all your childcare costs. Just quote the Ofsted number and the school details when you apply. We can also provide a statement of the childcare costs paid for evidence if needed.

**Childcare Vouchers** - We are able to accept childcare vouchers as payment for your fees. When booking, please ask your provider to make electronic payments directly into our account.

**ACTIVITIES:**

BOARD GAMES CARD GAMES PUZZLES  
FOOTBALL DANCE GO NOODLE  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES LEGO ICT  
ARTS AND CRAFTS CONSOLE GAMES BRIO  
FANCY DRESS CINEMA CLUB PLUS MANY MORE

For further enquiries please email: [playandlearnscheme@gmail.com](mailto:playandlearnscheme@gmail.com)  
**How to book > [www.pals.schoolipal.co.uk](http://www.pals.schoolipal.co.uk)**

## Celebration Worship

Any PROUD MOMENTS or GLOBAL ACTION HEROES? Please send to <[head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk)>. The link for Celebration Worship is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73030624557?pwd=TFFrZc9aNDM3V0ZWVWUyNTZnRWxwUT09> You are most welcome to join us at 2.45-3.10pm each Friday afternoon.

## School Facebook Page

If you have not done so already, please like our Facebook page.

@stfrancisceprimary

## Positive COVID Test or Symptoms of COVID?

If your child(ren) develop any COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive, please report this to school by emailing us at: <[covid19@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk)>.

Thank you!



A great week in school with children working really hard. Although, very sad to send Year 1 and 3 home this week. Well done to Year 1 children who have adapted to remote learning so quickly!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Kewley