



# St Brigid's News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting us in another successful week at St. Brigid's.

It has been another busy week and we wish our Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition students all the very best St. Brigid's luck (and good weather!) over the weekend. We also thank Mrs Bunn and the team for making all of the arrangements and giving up their weekend so that it can go ahead.

This week in assembly, Ms Price has been reminding us of the importance of not 'judging by appearance' and also to remember to be kind to each other, as we never know what someone might be going through, or feeling inside. Whilst we're all struggling in the current climate, I've been bolstered by the acts of kindness that I've seen this week; Kieran in Year 11 coming to the aid of a Year 8 student, and Jack in Year 11 looking after an ill student. This is the St. Brigid's way; we are all lucky to be in this community and we should be looking for ways to look after each other and pay kindness forward.

I do have one reminder for Nursery and Reception parents; whilst you are able to come on site with your child, I would ask that you wear face coverings to keep my learners and staff safe. In addition, to all parents, please don't forget that your children (over age 11) need face coverings (preferably washable) to wear in corridors and communal areas.

I do hope you have a safe and happy weekend.

God Bless.

Mrs L Crimes  
Pennaeth/Headteacher



Do we have your correct contact details? It is vital that we have correct, up-to-date contact details for all parents and carers. We have sent contact information forms home with pupils. Please complete and send back as soon as possible. Thank you

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES:

**SECONDARY PARENTS:** We are reducing lunchtime by 15 minutes so that we can end the day at 3.20pm to hopefully relieve pressure on the roundabout at home time. **PRIMARY** children can go home at 3pm and **SECONDARY** at 3.20pm for the foreseeable future (whilst we're dealing with COVID measures!)

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**Sixth Form:** you are welcome to **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE** to work on in study periods. Our WiFi is second to none!

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**SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PTA)** are looking for members— come and help us raise vital funds! Contact [admin@st-brigidts.denbighshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-brigidts.denbighshire.sch.uk)

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In-person Parents Evenings are not allowed until further notice, due to COVID-19. We will be in touch with information about how we are communicating learners' progress without this platform, this term.



Lord, make me know your ways, Lord,  
teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach  
me, for you are God  
my saviour.

Psalm 24

Father, you show your almighty power in your mercy and forgiveness. Continue to fill us with your gifts of love. Help us to hurry towards the eternal life you promise and come to share in the joys of your kingdom. *Old Opening Prayer*

**UNIFORM:** Please remember that blazers must be worn around the school site, with top shirt buttons done up, and skirts at an appropriate knee-length. Headphones must not be worn on site. Let's start as we mean to go on; looking smart and with a productive and positive attitude to learning.

Pope's tweet: Life is grounded in three fundamental and closely connected relationships: the Relationship with God, with our neighbour and with the earth. 22nd September 2020



If your child/children displays at least one symptom of Covid 19:

- ◆ A high temperature
- ◆ A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- ◆ A loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Your children should stay at home for 24 hours. If they continue to display symptoms after this time you will need to arrange for a test. Ring 119 or go online at 119 and order a test. Please inform school daily of your child's absence and inform us of the result of the test. Thank you for your continued support.

There is still time for you to apply for Education Maintenance

Allowance. You could get EMA if all the following apply to you:

- ◆ you live in Wales
- ◆ you will be aged between 16-18 on 31 August 2020 If you're 19 or over you might be eligible for the Welsh Government Learning Grant Further Education.

For more information go to [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/wlgfe](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/wlgfe) or contact Mrs Collins in school.

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Education Maintenance Allowance  
(EMA) 2020/21

## The little book of EMA

### All you need to know about EMA for academic year 2020/21

We welcome applications in Welsh. This won't lead to a delay in our response.

Keep an eye on [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/ema](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/ema) for updates



Family Link Workers - a friendly face and a listening ear.

Contact Us - If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch and we will be more than happy to help in any way we can. Each Family link worker can be contacted on their own personal mobile number: Sarah Williams 07799348556  
[Sarah.williams@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah.williams@denbighshire.gov.uk)



### Support for Children



Family link workers work with children from birth throughout the Foundation Phase. We run Language and Play groups throughout the County and work alongside local health visitors and school nurses. Our role also involves working within preschool and primary school settings delivering fun activities to promote learning and development for individuals and small groups. We are happy to provide advice and guidance for any areas of concern you may have including the subjects displayed above.

### Family Support



Family Link workers also offer support, advice and guidance for families who are experiencing difficulties. Life is full of challenges that sometimes catch us by surprise and we are more than happy to support parents and the family during these times. We liaise with many other professionals and can refer for support to help the family through any difficult situations including those above. Sometimes just having a familiar friendly face and a listening ear to confide in is all it takes, which we are happy to provide.



Please can we ask that non urgent appointments such as doctors and dentists be made outside of school hours where possible. Pupils leaving classes or joining classes half way through the lesson is disruptive to teaching and affects all pupils.

If your child has a hospital or specialist appointment please bring the letter to the school office where a copy can be placed on their file as proof of authorised absence.

All collections/drop offs during the school day are via the school office.