



## St Leonard's Catholic Primary School

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### Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to all of our lovely families. As you are all aware, we start the new school year on a very sad note. Alongside all members of our community, we mourn the sad loss of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We held a special collective worship today, where we remembered and celebrated the life of the Queen, reminding children of her service to the country and her faith which supported her through her reign.

### A Big Welcome!

I would like to personally welcome our many families that have joined the St Leonard's family this year. We know you will be delighted with your decision, and I am sure you have already been made to feel welcome by our staff and parents. The children have settled amazingly well and (fingers crossed) we know that this will continue through this year. As a member of our community, you automatically become a member of the 'Friends of St Leonard's', and further information about how you can get involved will follow soon.

### After school clubs

We hope to inform families of the offer of extra-curricular provision soon (we are still waiting for confirmation from one of the coaches). We are looking at ways to complement this programme and would like to know if any parents, carers, grandparents or other friends of the school have a suitable level of skill or relevant qualification and would like to offer their services to run or support an extra-curricular activity. We will consider all suggestions – it would be nice to have any people come forward who can do gardening or art as well as sporting support. If you think that this is something you would like to get involved in, please contact the school office.

As informed in Newsletters during the Summer Term, we are trialling afterschool wrap around provision. This will need to be used sufficiently to cover any associated costs if it is to be made a permanent service. Booking for wrap around provision can be made via parent pay and you can select from three bands of cover:

- Band 1 – 3.10 – 4.30 pm
- Band 2 – 4.15 – 6.00 pm (for children who go to an after school activity club first)
- Band 3a – 3.10 – 6.00 pm

Also, as the office is not manned after 4.30 pm, to collect your child from afterschool wrap around provision (not after school clubs), you must contact the lead member of staff on 07512 301 946.

We have amended our procedures and children need to be signed in and out of school provision for security purposes. Therefore, parents/carers will need to bring their child to the main office each morning for breakfast club and sign in their child(ren).

For both breakfast and after school provision, a contract needs to be completed. This will be shared with you in the coming days.

### Communication during the mourning period

Following guidance from the Government, we have been advised that during the 10 days mourning period, all non-essential communication, including social media, will be paused as a mark of respect. Staff will still communicate essential news through Class Dojo, and emails will be sent through the school office with other information.

**Dionne Dunn**  
**Head Teacher**