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Safeguarding:

At St. Basil's Catholic Primary School we are committed to providing a nurturing, caring and safe learning environment where pupils thrive, are confident, happy and secure. **If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.**

For further information about Safeguarding at St Basils please see the following documents by either clicking the link or scanning the QR code;

Safeguarding Parents Leaflet

[20097821 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20097821)



Child Friendly Leaflet

[20095039 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20095039)



Designated Leads for Safeguarding at St Basils:

Mrs Sheppard (HT)

Mrs O'Donnell (DHT)

Mrs Bond/Miss Yearley (Family Liaison & Welfare Officers)

Miss Abbot/Mrs Jones (SENCO)

Mrs McCabe (Attendance)

Mr Duffy (Pupil Welfare Governor)

Attendance update

Please be aware that students who have an attendance of below 90% will not have their absences authorised unless medical evidence is provided.

You can view your child's absence record via the School Gateway App. You access this via the reporting tab and then Attendance, it will give you your child's attendance rating.

Thank you for your co-operation.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE (Colour coded in line with the traffic light system)

Week commencing 20.11.23

Well done to class FSAR with the highest rate of attendance!!



FSAR	1DD	2LG	3NC	3AW	4CG	4GS	5JS	6CH	6KL
97.8	96.5	96.9	94.7	95.8	92.4	97	96	95.6	94.8

PARKING

School is located in a residential area, can we please ensure we consider our neighbours when parking at school for drop off and collection.

Thank you for your support.

Reminder - PE Uniform

If your child does not have our School PE uniform then the only alternative items to be worn are plain unbranded navy shorts/joggers along with their school uniform jumper/cardigan and a plain blue t-shirt.

Trainers/pumps need to be plain blue/black, it is also fine to wear school shoes and then change in to trainers/pumps for the actual PE lesson.

If you do not have the above clothing then please send your child to school in their school uniform and school will loan PE uniform to your child for the day. Thank you for your support.



Y6 to Cathedral Advent Service - Wednesday 6th December

Y5 to see Heaven Sent Nativity - Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day (£1 to support Nugent Care Charity) and Coffee Morning - Friday 8th December

Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance - Tuesday 12th December 9.15am and 2.15pm

Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance - Wednesday 13th December 9.15am and 2.15pm

EYFS and Pre School Christmas Performance - Thursday 14th December 9.15am and 2.15pm

Y5 Collective Worship in Church - Friday 15th December (PM)

Christmas Dinner - Monday 18th December

Christmas Party Afternoon - Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Disco - Wednesday 20th December

Week commencing 04.12.23 School Meal Menu is Week 2

NUTRITIONIST APPROVED

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Quorn cottage pie	Lasagne & garlic bread	Roast of the day with gravy and roast potato	All day breakfast	Fish of the day with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn Hot Dog & Wedges	Quorn lasagne & garlic bread	Quorn roast with gravy and roast potato	Vegetarian breakfast	Vegetable burger with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
DESSERTS	Strawberry Whip	Chocolate sponge & Custard	Lemon muffin	Ginger cake	Cheese & Crackers
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
ALTERNATIVE	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Tuna	Cheese and beans



MENU



Variety is the key to a healthy diet, try something new today!

- MEAT FREE MONDAY
- 5 OF YOUR 5 A DAY
- CHEF'S CHOICE



<u>Christmas Lunch</u>	
Child's Name:.....	Class:.....
<p>My child would like to stay for Christmas Lunch on Monday 18th December 2023. Please pay £2.40 to cover the cost of the meal via the School Gateway. Please return the slip by Friday 8th December.</p> <p>If your child is in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 or is entitled to Free School Meals you don't need to pay. However please fill in the slip so we know how many children will be attending. Alternatively, you can call the school office on 0151 424 7887 or email the school office at support.stbasils@haltonlearning.net.</p> <p>Please note that as the kitchen staff need to order food in advance we will not be able to take any requests after Friday 8th December.</p>	
Parent/Guardian:.....	Date:.....



ST BASIL'S PTA 

Join us for our

Christmas Coffee Morning

on Friday 8th December
from 9.15am till 11am

We will be joined by the children who will perform
Christmas Carols & Songs from each of their year groups!

Year 6	9.15 - 9.30
Year 4	9.30 - 9.45
Year 3	9.45 - 10.00
Year 2	10.00 - 10.15
Year 1	10.15 - 10.30
EYFS	10.30 - 10.45

We would be grateful for any cake donations

**NHS**

**Bridgewater
Community Healthcare**
NHS Foundation Trust

SCHOOL-AGED FLU IMMUNISATION HALTON COMMUNITY CLINIC SESSIONS

ABOUT THE TEAM

The School-Aged Immunisation Team deliver the routine national immunisation programme to school-aged children (reception - year 11) within Halton.

The team is made up of professionals who are highly skilled and experienced in giving vaccinations.

WHO CAN ATTEND COMMUNITY CLINICS?

- Children who have missed their vaccination in school
- Children who are home educated
- Children who want their parent to be present when they have their vaccination
- Children who need to have the flu injection rather than the flu nasal spray

BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

If you need further support, advice or would like to book your child in for an appointment to one of the community clinic sessions, please contact us.



School are supporting St Wilfrid's Parish Advent Appeal and if you would like to donate and pass to school, we will ensure that the donations arrive at the church.

Thank you

St Wilfrid's Advent Appeal 2023

'Trinity Safe Space Charity provides for refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants in the Borough of Halton, catering for their needs by giving them material goods, food, clothing as well as information, care, and support with their physical and mental health'. This year we are appealing again for you to buy an extra Christmas present for someone who really needs it. All items must be new, unwrapped and left at the back of Church where they shall be collected and delivered to our brothers and sisters in need.

Items needed...

Men's boxer shorts (underwear) sizes small, medium, large and XL

Men's T-shirts size 34 – 38 chest size

Jeans for men in a variety of sizes and leg length

Winter coats for men and women in a variety of sizes

Warm gloves, hats and scarves for men and women

Socks for men and women size 6 up to size 12

Frying pans, toastie maker, stock pot pans, electric kettles, electric toasters, hand blenders/juicers, chopper, small cafetières.

Toiletries for men and women, (preferably single items rather than sets) e.g., shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Single duvets or warm blankets

All items need to be at Church before the **Third Sunday of Advent, 17th December**. Please be as generous as you always are in seeing Jesus in the often forgotten in our community.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

18 Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgenson is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



Sources: <https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/documents/what-is-age-inappropriate-content/>, <https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/what-is-age-inappropriate-content/>, <https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/what-is-age-inappropriate-content/>



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ATTENTION PARENTS OF 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free childcare from the term **after** their 3rd birthday.

Children of **Working Parents** may also be entitled to
30 hours childcare per week.

To find out if you qualify and apply, go on-line to:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

(You can also apply for Tax Free Childcare on the same link)

IMPORTANT: PARENTS NEED TO APPLY FOR THEIR 30 HOUR ELIGIBILITY CODE THE TERM BEFORE THEY WANT TO CLAIM 30 HOURS

To ensure you can claim 30 hours free childcare from **January 2024**, HMRC advise parents **to apply before the end of December at the latest**, as any applications received after 31st December 2023 will **not be** eligible to claim the additional hours in the spring term

To be eligible for 30 hours from January 2024,
both parts of the criteria below must be met:

- The child must be 3 or 4 years old before **31st December 2023**; and
- Working parents must have applied and been issued with an eligibility code with a start date **before 31st December 2023**

If you have any questions, speak to your childcare provider

REMINDER – Parents who have already applied and are eligible for 30 hours are reminded that they MUST RE-CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY EVERY 3 MONTHS, by logging into their Government Gateway account, otherwise the code will expire and become ineligible.



Holiday Activity and Food Provision

Halton Holiday Activity Fund (HAF)

Winter 2023

Halton Borough Council is delighted to announce that it has secured additional Government Funding from the Department of Education to enable local providers to offer FREE activities during the winter holiday period to school aged children from Reception to Year 11, who receive benefits-related to free school meals. There are also a number of places available to other vulnerable groups of children and young people, such as SEND up to 18yrs, Young Carers, NEET.

Please visit the following link to find details of all activities that will be running.

All activities will include a **FREE! lunch**

<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/start/haf.aspx>

Open Day at the Town Hall
Heath Road, Runcorn
Saturday 2nd December 2023
10am – 4pm



Santa's Grotto
Carol Singing, Christmas Stalls, Café
A selection box for all the children in the choir
Proceeds to the Mayor's Fund 2023-24
Supporting
The Fellowship Centre & Child Bereavement UK

Why not start the Christmas celebrations in style by performing carols in the splendour of Runcorn Town Hall?

Halton's Mayor, Cllr Val Hill, is hosting the annual Town Hall Open Day on Saturday 2nd December 2023 and would love your school to be part of the festivities.

Each year we invite school choirs and bands to take part by performing at the event which attracts around 400 visitors.

The children gather in the Council Chamber and each school has a 20 minute time slot. You may choose your own time slot – 10.10am, 10.50am, 11.40am, 1pm, 1.50pm, 2.40pm, which will be allocated **on a first come first served basis**. After the performance, all the children in the choir will visit Father Christmas in his grotto, free of charge, and receive a goody bag.

Please let me know by no later than Monday 30th October 2023, if your school would like to participate. Please reply by email to kay.sparks@halton.gov.uk or alternatively I can be contacted on 0151 511 7667.

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 23rd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

5pm – St. Bede

5pm – St. Michael

5pm – St. Basil

5pm – St. John Fisher

Sunday 24th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am – St. Bede

Sunday 24th December – First Mass of Christmas

6pm – St. Bede

6pm – St. Michael

6pm – St. Basil

6pm – St. John Fisher

Midnight – St. Bede

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

10am – St. Bede

10am – St. Michael

10am – St. John Fisher

Tuesday 26th December – St Stephen's Day

12noon – St Bede (Mass with Altar Servers)





St. Basil's
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following Jesus*



BASIL TOTS PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9AM - 10.30AM

EVERYBODY WELCOME

£1 ENTRY - REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



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Hough Green Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 4SZ

Telephone: 0151 424 7887

You are always welcome to any mass within St Wilfrid's Parish, timetable is below

Mass & Service Times

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	St Bede	5.00pm
	St Basil	5.00pm
Sunday	St Bede	9.00am
	St Michael	9.30am
	St John Fisher	10.30am
	St Bede	11.15am
	St Bede	4.00pm

Weekday Mass Times (see parish newsletter for weekday variations)

<p>Monday</p> <p>St Basil</p> <p>9.00am Exposition & Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am Holy Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>St Bede</p> <p>11.30am Exposition & Holy Rosary</p> <p>12 Noon Holy Mass</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>St Bede</p> <p>6.30pm Exposition & Evening Prayer</p> <p>7.00pm Holy Mass</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>St Michael</p> <p>11.30am Exposition & Holy Rosary</p> <p>12 Noon Holy Mass</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>St John Fisher</p> <p>9.00am Exposition & Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am Holy Mass</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>10.00am Holy Mass</p> <p>10.30am Confessions and Holy Rosary</p>

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday 10.00am - 13:00pm

Admission to Primary School September 2024

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 they are eligible to start Reception class in September 2024, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form **online** at [School admissions website](https://www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 16th April 2024
- Offer letters will be posted to applicants who submit a paper preference form on the 16th April 2024
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 15th Jan 2024**



Closing date for Primary School Applications:
15th January 2024