

# The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to offer a warm welcome to all returning for the start of a new school year. I'd especially like to welcome all of our new pupils and their parents who are joining St Gabriel's for the first time. I hope your children have enjoyed the first few days, lots of happy smiley faces tell me they have and our new pre-school and reception children have brought a real joy as they begin to find their way at the beginning of their St Gabriel's journey.

Those children who have started new classes have come back with such enthusiasm and again have shown how great a place St Gabriel's is. It has been a wonderful week getting ready for the year ahead!

Enjoy the remaining warmth over the weekend!

With every blessing

E J Byrne.

## Uniform

Please be reminded of our school uniform expectations. We are proud of the excellent standards maintained. Piercings, nail polish/gels and dyed hair is not permitted. Thank you.

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## FOODBANK

We will continue to support the Alsager food bank, so if you do have items you can donate, please do so. We will be collecting as usual so any items can be dropped off in the porch. The support the foodbank provided over the summer was invaluable to so many families, so a big thank you to all who have helped.

## Timings and Keeping Safe

Please be reminded of the school times. School starts at 8:40 and children may be dropped off between 8:20-8:40 to enter through the school gates. Please do not leave children unattended before 8:20 outside of the school gates. Children being dropped off and left to walk to school alone/ or alongside other families (perhaps even without their knowledge) causes a concern. Please ensure you see your child safely through the school gate.

School ends at 3:10 and KS2 children will be brought to the main gate. Reception and KS1 children can be collected by walking to the rear of the school by the Pre-School gate.

## RAAC

Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete has been much publicised recently and will remain so I suspect for along time. Thankfully, St Gabriel's is not affected by this.

Forthcoming Dates	
September	
Mon 18	First Mass of the school year 9:30/ St Gabriel's 'Day of Mission'
Mon/Tues 25/26	CAFOD visits
Thu 28	Governors: School Improvement Meet
October	
Thurs 5	School Photographs taken
Wed 11	One Life visit/ day of prayer and reflection
Mon 16	Orienteering courses installed and launched Tues and Wed to children

## After School Clubs

The majority of after-school clubs will start next week, please see the appropriate letter for each club. If you have responded, please assume you have a place unless contacted.

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