



# All Saints' C.E. Primary School

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### **Emergency Procedures**

As many of you will be aware we carry out fire drills on a regular basis and the children are used to evacuating the building quickly, quietly and safely. In addition to this procedure we feel it a necessity to practice a non-evacuation emergency sometimes referred to as 'lock down.' We will be doing this before half term and the procedure will involve a drill where the children will assemble in their classrooms in the safest and least visible area. External and internal doors will be locked with blinds down and windows closed. The drill will last for no more than 2 minutes.

We will spend time talking to and preparing the children in a sensitive and age-appropriate way beforehand. You may also wish to see the NSPCC website for advice about discussing these issues with your child. Please contact school if you have any concerns about this. [www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism)

### **Change in Procedures for Absences**

Please see the attached letter from Staffordshire County Council.

There will be changes in procedure regarding absences and fines as from January 2018. In the meantime, please see our website outlining current procedures.

### **Reminder of Year 6 Parent Assembly next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.**

The theme will be Laches Wood. Cakes/biscuit donations welcome.

### **Polite Reminder**

Children are not allowed on the school premises before 8.45am, unless they are taking part in interventions with a member of staff. In this case they come into school through the front entrance. Children in school before 8.45am are not supervised and therefore we cannot guarantee their safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Safety**

Please make sure that you park legally and with consideration for our children. There have been a number of complaints and there is concern over the possibility of a serious accident. Please also make sure that children are adequately supervised on the way to and from school as we have had a number of reports expressing concern about safety/supervision of children.

### **Parents' Consultations**

These will take place on:

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 1-3pm, 3.30-5pm
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 3:30-7pm.

We use the Teachers2Parents service to manage appointments, and you will receive a text with a link to make a booking to see your child's teacher, this will be sent at 8:00pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. We recommend that you book your appointments as soon as possible after receiving the text, especially if you will be seeing more than one teacher.

### Parents Invitation to School Dinners:

We would like to invite parents to come and have a school dinner with their children on the following dates. Parent meals must be paid for in advance on Parentpay. Payment will act as a booking and we will be unable to accommodate anyone, that has not paid by 9a.m. on the Wednesday of the **week before**.

You are recommended to pay now to avoid disappointment.

Date of meal	Class	<i>Must be paid for by 9a.m. on:</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Ocelots - Mrs Akers	<i>11<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Lions K - Miss Kendrick	<i>22<sup>nd</sup> Oct (early due to half term)</i>
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Lions G - Mr Gibbs	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Nov</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Lions B - Mrs Brockington/Mrs Brookes-Hall	<i>8<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Snow Leopards - Mrs Haycock/Miss Allin	<i>15<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Snow Leopards - Mr Redfern	<i>22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</i>
11th January	Bobtails - Reception aged	<i>3rd January</i>
18th January	Bobtails - Nursery aged	<i>10th January</i>

### A Message from John Taylor Free School.

#### John Taylor Free School Admissions

We're aware that there is considerable interest amongst parents in the new school run by John Taylor at Tatenhill. This is especially true for those of you with children in Year 6 who are about to choose their secondary school.

As the school is yet to open, applications for places into Year 7 for September 2018 are made directly to the school itself (i.e. not as part of County Council's process).

Information about the school, and an application form, can be found online at [www.johntaylorfreeschool.co.uk](http://www.johntaylorfreeschool.co.uk). The form is very straightforward and only takes a couple of minutes to complete.

Please note that this application can be made **as well as, not instead of**, any application made through the County Council process - giving parents this year, in effect, an extra choice. The school has **no catchment area**, and will welcome applications from anyone. An open evening has been planned by the school for those who would like to find out more. This will take place on **Tuesday 10th October** (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm) in the Training Centre at John Taylor High School in Barton-under-Needwood.

The event will be a chance to meet key staff at the new school (including the newly appointed Head of School), hear about the curriculum and the school's approach to teaching and learning, and look at the layout of the site and its facilities. All are welcome.

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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Changes to Penalty Notices for Absence from School**

Ensuring your child has access to a good education is very important to us.

A key part of this is for all children and young people to regularly attend school, as this gives each learner the best chance to achieve their full potential. In light of the recent Isle of Wight court case and the subsequent Supreme Court ruling on school absences, we wanted to clarify our position for parents where there may be the potential for any ambiguity and to also ensure we are fully compliant with legal requirements.

As a result, we have made a few changes to our previous guidance to schools, parents and carers regarding absence from school. The new guidance will come into force from **1 January 2018** and is detailed below:

#### **Penalty Notice for leave of absence (holiday) in term time**

From 1 January 2018 **any** period of unauthorised leave may result in you as a parent receiving a penalty notice fine. Your head teacher will continue to be the only person able to authorise leave in term time, but this will apply only in exceptional circumstances. Any unauthorised absence will be referred by your head teacher to the local authority.

#### **Penalty Notice for persistent lateness**

Previously a pupil had to achieve 20 unauthorised late marks before a penalty notice warning could be issued. **This has now changed to 10 marks**, and late marks do not have to be one after the other in order for the penalty notice to be issued. You are therefore encouraged where possible to ensure your child attends school on time. However, if your child is late you must inform the school of the reason(s) why, as they may be able to offer you some form of advice or support.

#### **Period of time used to measure persistent absence and lateness**

If your child has had 10 days unauthorised absence or is late 10 times over a twelve week period, you may receive a penalty warning notice and also potentially a fine.

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These changes have been agreed with local head teachers and have been implemented to help promote and support good attendance to school. Further details and a copy of the revised Code of Conduct for issuing Penalty Notices can be obtained from the council's website [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education).

The vast majority of children and young people in Staffordshire have an excellent record of school attendance, and we recognise the efforts of so many parents to ensure their children attend school regularly.

The Local Authority will continue to take appropriate action for absences during term time when we are notified by head teachers, both to support them in their role and to ensure local children can continue to achieve the best possible outcomes from attending local schools.

Yours faithfully



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## The John Taylor SCITT

Are you considering getting into teaching? If so, please be aware that All Saints' is an alliance partner of the National Forest Teaching School, who we work with to recruit trainee teachers who train locally through accreditation by The John Taylor SCITT.

The programme offered is planned collaboratively with local primary schools to give you the most up to date training offered by current practitioners, in order to attain QTS (Qualified Teacher Status). The John Taylor SCITT offer both a primary and secondary route into teaching, and can offer advice and potentially school experience for those who are interested in applying to begin training in September 2018.

You can register for School Experience at John Taylor High School in a range of secondary subjects by visiting: <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/school-experience/sep> and searching for John Taylor High School.

John Taylor High School will be holding a series of open events throughout the year, please register your attendance at [www.jths.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.jths.eventbrite.co.uk) or alternatively, please contact Leah Axten via email at [laxten@jths.co.uk](mailto:laxten@jths.co.uk) to find out more.

You can also find more information via the NFTS website:  
[www.nationalforestteachingschool.co.uk](http://www.nationalforestteachingschool.co.uk)

Applications will be made through [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com), which opens on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.