

Meet the teacher September 2025

Year 3



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Who is Who?

Miss O'Brien – Class Teacher

Mrs Saratowicz – Teaching & Learning Assistant (*Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday AM, Thursday and Friday*).

Ms. James – Teaching & Learning Assistant (*Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday PM*).

Mrs Coney – French Teacher



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Start of the Day



- Children are expected to be in school between 8:45am and 8:55am.
- No cycling or scootering in the playground at any time.
- Year 3 need to enter the building via the side door as they enter through the gate.
- If you are late, please ensure your child comes into school via the Main Office. They will be signed into the late book.
- If your child is absent, please contact the school and inform us. An indication of your child's symptoms would be beneficial so that we can support you and your child.



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End of the Day



- Children should be collected at 3:20pm from the Side Gate by the Prayer Garden.
- Please arrive and exit the playground promptly through the main school gate.
- If for any reason you are late, please notify the Main Office. Late collections will be registered in the late book.
- Please inform us if your child is being collected by someone else by phoning the school office or via email.
- No cycling or scootering at these times.



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Uniform

- All school uniform and kit should be **clearly named**.
- Every **Wednesday** and **Friday**, pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit.
- Swimming will take place Monday 3rd November – Monday 8th December. Children should also wear their PE kits on **Mondays** during this period.
- Indoor PE kit: Sacred Heart maroon t-shirt, navy blue school shorts or skort, white socks and trainers.
- Outdoor PE kit: Sacred Heart tracksuit jumper and bottoms, white socks and trainers.
- Children should not be wearing jewellery .
- Hair tied back for school at all times.
- Ties are expected to be worn with winter uniform.
- Winter uniform after half-term until after the Easter holiday.

Equipment

- Children should bring their Reading Journal, reading book and Spelling Journal to school every day.
- Every child should have a named water bottle (and a packed lunch if they have one).
- Children can bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for break time. No nuts.
- Your child will need to bring in a coat as the weather becomes cooler.
- KS2 are encouraged to bring in small pencil case with their own equipment and a mini dictionary and thesaurus (Christmas present!)



Daily Routine

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-9:30	Themed Assembly	Mark 10 Mission – <i>Group 3</i>	Hymn Practice – Group 1	Class Liturgy	Celebration Assembly
9:30-10:25	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	RE
10:25-10:40	BREAK				
10:40-12:10	English	English	English	English	Spellings/Timetables
					PE
12:10-1:10	LUNCH TIME				
1:10-1:20	<i>ERIC – Group 1 & 2</i>	<i>ERIC – Group 4</i>	<i>ERIC – Group 2</i>	<i>ERIC – Group 3 & 4</i>	ERIC
1:20-2:20	Science	Music	Computing	RE	Geography/History
		PSHE			
2:20-3:20	Art/DT	French	PE	Class Liturgy	Assembly

Behaviour

Rewards	Consequences*
✓ Stickers ✓ Happy Face and Ticks ✓ Marbles ✓ Star of the Week ✓ Good Manners ✓ Headteacher Award ✓ Wow Cards	✗ Timeout ✗ Reflection Face ✗ Reflection activity (Restorative Approach) ✗ Discussion with another teacher ✗ Discussion with the headteacher\deputy headteacher

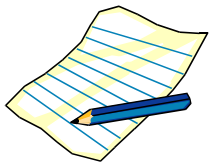
* Please note that while in some instances the consequences escalate as written – this may not always be the case.



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Home Learning: English

- One piece of English Home Learning a week:
 - Reading comprehension.
 - SPaG consolidation.
- Spellings: weekly list of words to learn with related activities to help practise the pattern.
- Reading:
 - 20 minutes each day recorded in their Reading Record.
 - 5 entries in Reading Journal per week and summarise 1 of them.
 - Read aloud to an adult twice a week if a free reader.
Daily if on the reading scheme.
 - Please sign your child's Journal at least once a week.



Home Learning: Maths

- One piece of Maths Home Learning a week linked to class content.
- Some tasks may be computer-based using an online platform like Mathletics.
- Daily Times Table Tests



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Home Learning

- Weekly home learning tasks will focus on consolidation.
- Home learning will be set on a Friday and should be handed in by:
 - Reading Journals:* Monday
 - SPaG/Comprehension/Maths:* Tuesday
 - Spelling Journals:* Friday
- Children will receive English and Maths home learning every week.
- They may get half termly home learning linked to RE and half-termly home learning linked to History or Geography and Science.



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Curriculum

- English:
 - Reading and comprehension skills.
 - Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation 'Non-negotiables'.
 - Class Text this term:
Stone Age Boy
How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth
Poetry
- Mathematics:
 - White Rose curriculum.
- Curriculum newsletter issued every term.
- A weekly email will be sent out every Friday:
 - Any changes to school routines and events will be communicated via email.



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Feedback Expectations

- Verbal feedback is a priority.
- Written feedback will be given as follows:
- Consistent use the codes detailed on our school marking policy.
- Children will have one focused mark in RE, Science and Learning Themes per topic.
- Children will receive Next Steps in Maths, once a week.
- Opportunities for Self and Peer Assessment will be introduced in activities that lend themselves to the process.



Key Dates

- **Friday 26th September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- **Monday 3rd November** – Year 3 swimming lessons begin (6 weeks)
- **Friday 19th December** - TERM ENDS (1.30pm finish)



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A message
from the...

Sacred Heart PTA

What we do...

- Fundraise vital funds for our school
- Run Events, creating memories for the children and families.
- Bring the SH community together.



The first PTA meeting will be held:

TBA

Attending one of the above meetings will give you all the information you need to know + give you the opportunity to share your ideas and have your say.

You are already a member of the Sacred Heart PTA!

No need to sign up, everyone with a child at our school is automatically a member. The PTA welcome anyone who has time, talents or skills to offer, or can help in any way with our fundraising activities.

We ask **EVERY FAMILY** to get involved in the PTA in some way, with the common goal of supporting and enriching our childrens primary school years.

Ways you can support:

- Your Attendance (at events)
- Your Time
- Your Skills
- Your Ideas
- Your Contacts
- Your Financial Support

Any support, small or large, will be impactful & appreciated!

Any questions,

contact Becky Wilding - PTA Chairperson via your reps or at Sacredheartpta@gmail.com

Our Mission

“Our mission is to create a harmonious community, where each one of us is a valued member who can ‘grow in love’, guided by the teaching of the Catholic Church.”

Our Vision

We work to fulfil the vision that each Sacred Heart pupil will:

- Demonstrate our school values and be active contributors at school, home and in the wider society.
- Value and develop their unique talents and gifts to reach their full academic and spiritual potential.
- Be effective communicators.
- Be aspirational for themselves and their peers.
- Develop their skills, knowledge and understanding to thrive as lifelong learners.

Our Values

- Achievement
- Care
- Consideration
- Generosity
- Love
- Mutual Respect
- Patience
- Prayer
- Tolerance

Values work continues each year—delivered via assemblies, lessons, the way we operate in class and the way we respond daily to situations.



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We work on these things at school not just the academic...

Behaviour & Attitudes

- **Attitudes to learning**
- **Behaviour**
- **Attendance and punctuality**

Personal Development

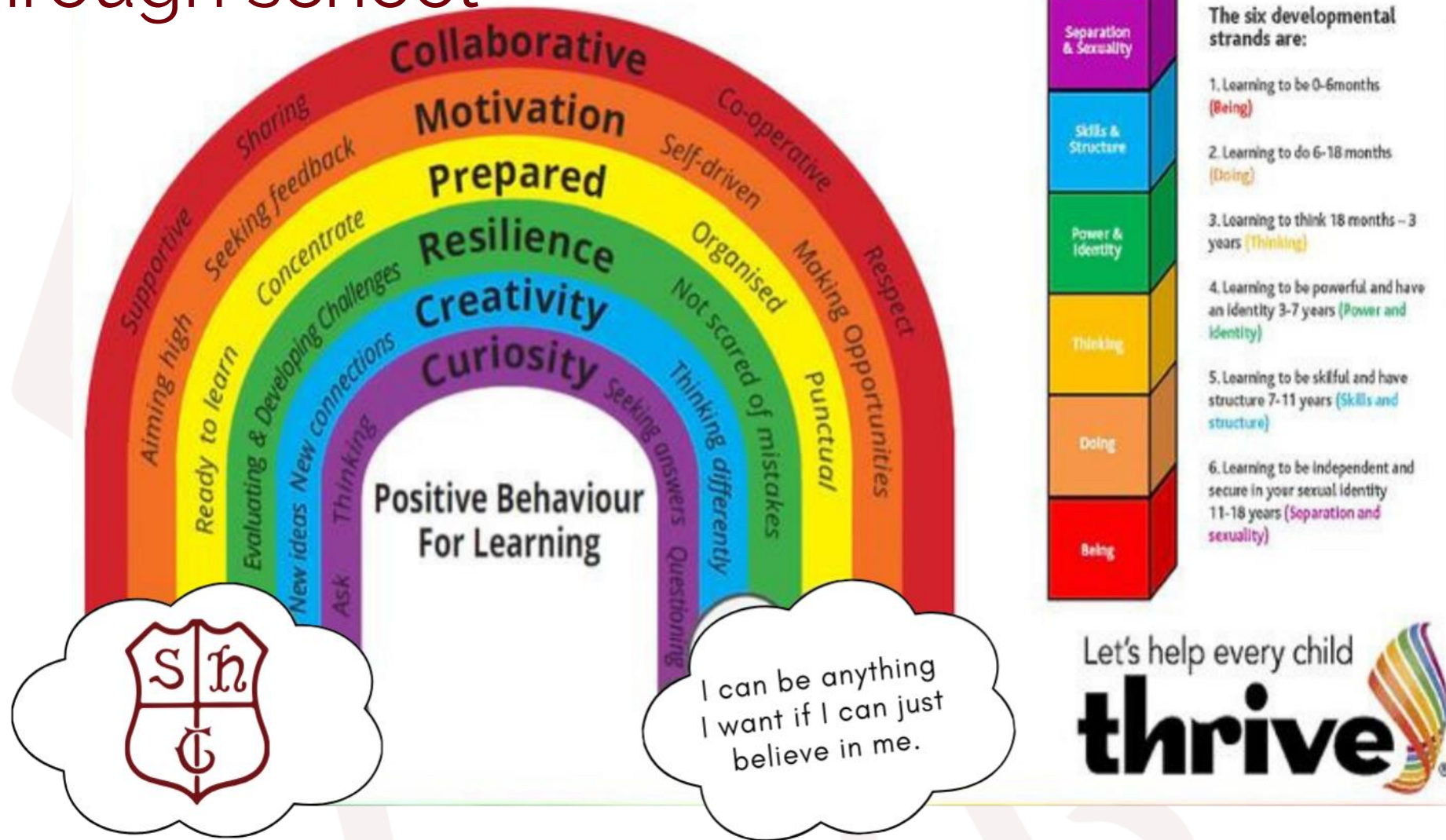
- **Enrichment**
- **British, School and Gospel values**
- **Health and wellbeing**
- **Citizenship**
- **Equality and diversity**
- **Preparation for next steps – socially ready**

Quality of Education

- **Curriculum design, coverage and appropriateness**
- **Curriculum delivery - expert teaching ensuring progress, knowledge and skill development for all**
- **Pupils ready for next stage of educational journey**

Pupils' spiritual and emotional wellbeing is underpinned by our RE curriculum, Collective Worship and Catholic Social Teaching

The Thrive Curriculum – continues all the way through school



There is a reason for every behaviour...

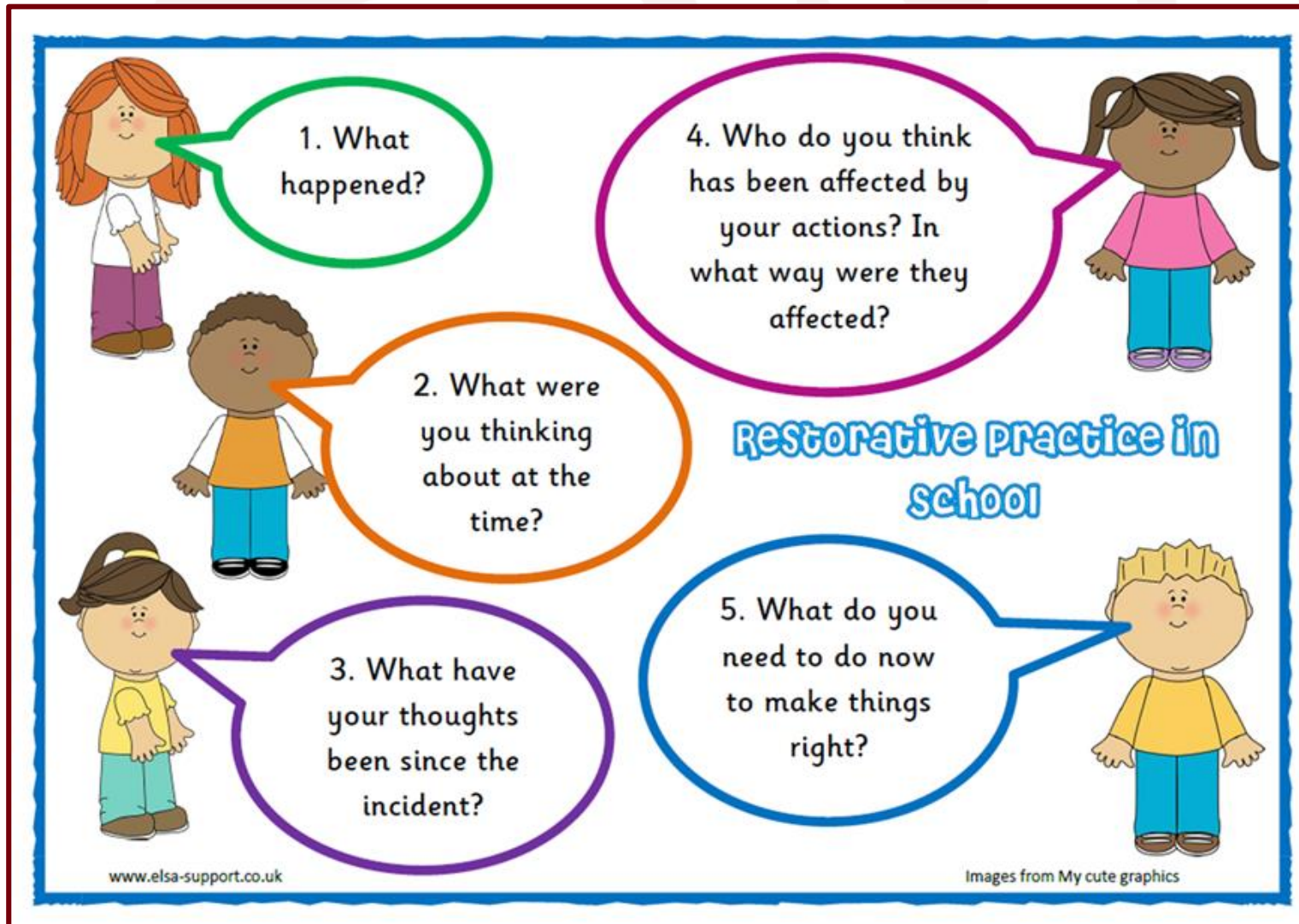
The Zones of Regulation Curriculum – continues

How can you help yourself?

The BLUE zone	The GREEN zone	The YELLOW zone	The RED zone
			
How might you feel?	How might you feel?	How might you feel?	How might you feel?
sad tired bored moving slowly	happy okay focussed ready to learn	nervous confused silly not ready to learn	angry frustrated scared out of control
What might help you?	What might help you?	What might help you?	What might help you?
Talk to someone Stretch Take a brain break Stand Take a walk Close my eyes	The goal of this exercise is to get to the GREEN zone. What can you do to be happy, calm and ready to learn?	Talk to someone Count to 20 Take deep breaths Squeeze something Draw a picture Take a brain break	Stop what I'm doing Make sensible choices Take deep breaths Ask for a break Find a safe space Ask for help



Restorative practice in school



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The importance of reading



A love of reading is the best indicator of future academic success.



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Why is reading crucial for young minds?

*Important: Please read with your child all the way through primary school. Continue to read aloud together even after they are a 'free reader' as this develops and maintains fluency.
Reading is key to everything in a child's education.*

1. It improves vocabulary
2. Boosts self-esteem – read often - speak and write with confidence
3. Improved concentration and memory
4. Enhances creativity
5. Builds critical thinking skills



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Absence, Attendance and Punctuality

Absence is only authorised in exceptional circumstances. Please read the new Attendance Policy as new government guidelines are now effective.

Regular school attendance is an essential important part of giving your child the best possible start in life.

The school cannot authorise absences for holidays and all such requests will be unauthorised. In addition, any absence from school for holiday for longer than a period of 5 school days will be automatically referred to the Education Welfare Officer for follow up.

Please write to Mrs Green, Headteacher, if you require time off school at least two weeks in advance. A written response either email/letter will be sent back informing you of any decisions regarding the requests for absences.

Fines

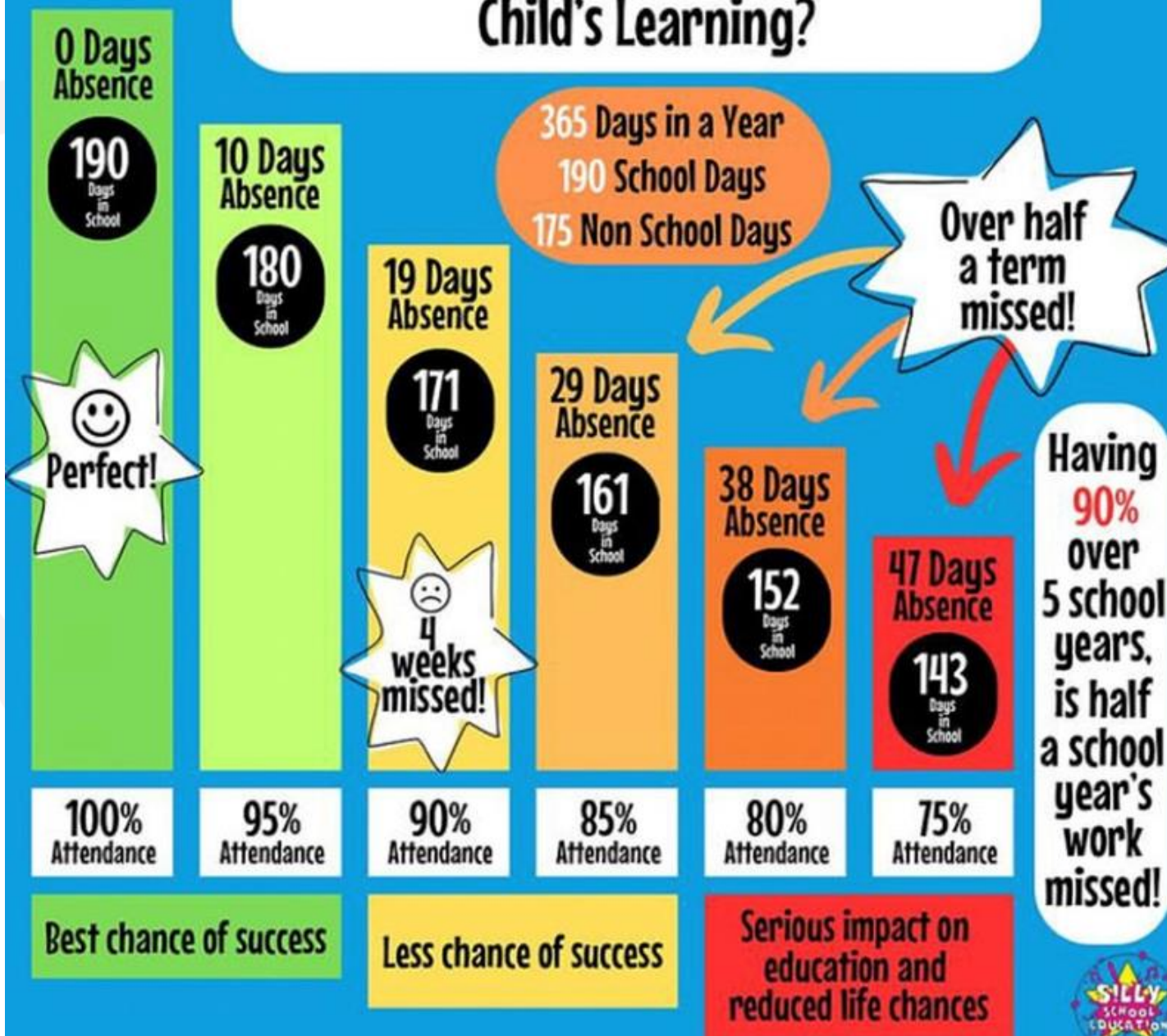
- Under new national rules, all schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. *Note these absences do not have to be consecutive.*

The school expects attendance of at least 95%. Children already have 175 days of each year not in school.

They are expected to attend 190 unless they are sick or there are exceptional circumstances.

Punctuality – children must arrive by **8.55 am**. Helping your child learn punctuality at an early age builds good habits for school and life. Being on time supports their learning, confidence and respect for others who are waiting on them.

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



HOW DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE IMPACT YOUR FUTURE?

Data released by the UK Department for Education shows that the lower your attendance the less likely you are to achieve in your GCSES.

100%

82%

Achieved 5 GCSES
grade 5+

(inc. Maths & English)

OVER 95%

77%

Achieved 5 GCSES
grade 5+

(inc. Maths & English)

92-93%

53%

Achieved 5 GCSES
grade 5+

(inc. Maths & English)

BELOW 90%

43%

Achieved 5 GCSES
grade 5+

(inc. Maths & English)

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FOR EVERY 17 DAYS YOU MISS ACROSS YOUR SCHOOL CAREER, YOUR GCSE RESULTS GO DOWN BY 1 WHOLE GRADE!



ACHIEVING 5 OR
MORE GCSES AT
GRADE 5+ HAS
SHOWN TO INCREASE
YOUR LIFETIME
EARNINGS BY **41%**

There are
365 DAYS
in a year

175
are not spent
in school!

*That gives you plenty of time for holidays, TV,
shopping and video games!

The importance of a good home and school partnership - for reference.

Enhances the educational experience for the children and supports their overall development.

Key advantages

1. **Enhanced Academic Performance:** Improved academic results through consistent educational support.
2. **Improved Behaviour and Attendance:** Better behaviour and attendance from early issue resolution.
3. **Stronger Parent-Teacher Relationships:** Mutual respect and understanding between parents and teachers.
4. **Personalised Learning:** Tailored teaching strategies based on a deeper understanding of each child.
5. **Increased Parental Engagement:** Greater parental involvement in school activities and decision-making.
6. **Better Social and Emotional Development:** Supportive environments for emotional and social well-being.
7. **Consistency in Values and Expectations:** Consistent messages about education, behaviour, and effort.
8. **Resource Sharing:** Exchange of resources and strategies to support learning.
9. **Enhanced Community Ties:** Stronger sense of community among families and the school.
10. **Early Identification of Issues:** Timely support for academic, social, or emotional challenges.



Talk to Us!

- Please do not hesitate to contact us:
- If you are worried about **any** aspect of your child's learning, well-being or experience at school.
- If you have questions or need clarification about school routines or home learning details we will try to respond to emails received within 48 hrs.

sobrien@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk

- If your concern is urgent, please notify the office.





THANK YOU for such a
**positive start to the
year!**

Your support and positivity means a
lot to Sacred Heart.

Any Questions?