



## Trinity School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark upon a new term, I trust this communication finds you well-rested and invigorated following the festive period. It is my sincere hope that the holiday break afforded you and your families ample opportunity for relaxation and rejuvenation.

The commencement of a new term invariably brings with it a sense of renewed purpose and fresh beginnings. It is with great pleasure that I report the children have returned to their learning with commendable enthusiasm and engagement. The high levels of participation and focus observed across our classrooms are testament to both the children's eagerness to learn and the dedication of our teaching staff.

The system for Early Years children coming in earlier has worked really well this week, so thank you to our Reception and Nursery parents. The children are all in and settled and ready for learning! Hopefully, it has saved some parents waiting around too. We are now closing the gate at 8.45 am so if your child (in any year group) arrives after that time please accompany them up to the office where they can sign in with Miss Lau. The time before school officially starts (at 8.45 am) is used so productively in classes and it really benefits your child as it is a time to finish off things, get organised for the day and have informal check ins with teachers.

### Public Health

We have received the following statement from Public Health. I appreciate it is difficult as we always talk about ensuring your child has good attendance! However, in times like these it is important that if children are unwell (for example have a temperature) that they are at home. We have been badly hit by poorly staff this week and we don't want it to spread any further and it to have a bigger impact on everyone's learning.

Parents are encouraged to keep their children off school if they are unwell and look out for symptoms of flu like illnesses as the new school term starts.

Typical symptoms include:

- fever
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle or body aches
- headaches
- fatigue (tiredness)

Flu activity has increased locally and is expected to rise further in the coming weeks. Vaccination is the most important defence there is against flu like illnesses. Parents whose children missed out on the nasal flu vaccine programme in the autumn are urged to speak to their GP to ensure their children are best protected.

Maintaining good hygiene, including washing hands regularly with soap and water and catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue and disposing of it carefully is important in stopping the spread of viruses.

### **Road safety**

We have received an email from a concerned member of the public and from this we kindly request that all pedestrians utilise the designated crossing when crossing the road adjacent to the school. This practice not only ensures the safety of our school community but also reinforces the road safety principles we are instilling in our children and it establishes a predictable pattern for other road users, who anticipate pedestrian activity at this specific location.

### **Hot lunches and lunches in the hall**

I am pleased to report that our newly implemented hot lunch programme and the associated dining hall procedures have been met with great success. The children have adapted admirably to the new routines, demonstrating their capacity for flexibility and adherence to structured protocols. This positive response bodes well for the continued success of this initiative.

Our school website has a dedicated page to Hot Lunches, please do check this for the latest menus, order dates and frequently asked questions. The link is <https://www.trinity.sch.je/parents/hot-lunches>.

### **House Charity News**

Thank you to everyone who entered the Riley competition last term. £74 was raised for Jersey Trees for Life.

This half term, our Young House captains have organised a photography competition. The theme is 'New Year, New Beginnings'. Printed photos can be handed in to class teachers. There is an entry fee of £1 per photograph. All proceeds will go to Autism Jersey. The closing date is Monday 3rd March. Winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Summer School**

Looking ahead, I am currently in the process of evaluating the feasibility of operating a summer school programme again this August. We recognise the importance of providing our community with ample notice regarding such decisions, and as such, we commit to communicating our determination on this matter by the February half-term break. This timeline should allow families sufficient opportunity to plan accordingly for the summer period.

I would like to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and cooperation. The strong partnership between our school and the parent community is instrumental in fostering an environment conducive to academic excellence and personal growth for our children. As we progress through this term, I look forward to witnessing the continued achievements and development of our children.

### **PTA Christmas Chocolates for KS2**

Apologies that the KS2 children did not come with their chocolate treats at the end of a very busy term. They will be bringing them home today to enjoy over the weekend!

With my best wishes for a lovely weekend

**Mrs K McMahon**  
**Headteacher**