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Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform

I would like to thank you for your support in sending your child back to school wearing the correct uniform. I appreciate that there is a financial implication to buying new uniform and therefore appreciate the support you have shown St Gregory's in ensuring that your child is wearing the correct shoes/skirt etc. Please be aware that if you are struggling to afford to replace any uniform, we may be able to offer help and support for this. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pupil Progress Manager.

SIMS Parent App

St Gregory's prides itself on its strong pastoral care and home school links; we believe that working in collaboration with parents is the best way to support pupils in making good progress.

Communication plays a significant role in developing this relationship. Following a questionnaire that was carried out recently, we discovered that parents would like more information on their child's attendance.

To support this, we will be launching SIMS parent app over the next half term which will be our platform for communicating with you. SIMS parent app will enable you to see the following information about your child:

- Attendance
- Conduct – achievement and behaviour points
- Timetable
- Reports

In addition to this, you will be able to check the information we hold about your child including the names and telephone numbers of any contacts; medical details; dietary needs and parental consent and we will send all communication via the app.

All school reports will be sent to you using this app and so it is important that you download the app so that we can work together to support your child once we launch it.

Finally, we will be introducing SIMS pay 360; this will replace the school gateway online payment system. Please be aware that ClassCharts will still be used by teaching staff to inform parents and pupils of any homework/remote learning that needs to be completed.

Further information will be shared about the app when we launch it.

National Online Safety

Young peoples' use of technology has significantly increased over the past few years. Whilst there are many benefits to the use of IT and the internet, it also poses many threats to young people. The NSPCC reported that during last year's lockdowns their helpline saw a 60% increase in contacts from people worried about children

One family... inspired to learn.'

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experiencing online sexual abuse. At St Gregory's we have invested in National Online Safety which is a platform that provides advice and support for parents in how to keep your child safe online. There are courses that you can complete as well as videos and webinars for you to watch. It has been pleasing to see the large number of parents who have accessed the platform and completed some of the courses. If you have not done so, please follow the link and sign in as a parent so that you can make full use of the software. You will also be able to download the app onto your mobile phone.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Supporting parents

As a school we recognise the challenges that parents face as pupils go through the teenage years. To support parents with this, we are planning to hold a series of information evenings throughout the year. Further information will be sent to you via email but please see below for the dates and themes:

11th November - Anxiety

25th January - Emotional regulation

10th February - Online Safety

8th March - Exam preparation - Y10 & 11 parents

10th May - Healthy lifestyles

In addition to this, the children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says 'I hate you!'
- Cultural identity: who am I?

The Parenting Smart website can be found here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Please remember that if you have any concerns over half term or need any help and support the Safeguarding page of our website has links and telephone numbers that you may find useful.

[Safeguarding | St Gregory's Catholic High School \(stgregoryshigh.com\)](https://stgregoryshigh.com)

Yours sincerely,



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