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12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### **New Starter FAQ's**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would just like to provide you with the answers to some questions you may have relating to your child starting with us in September. We hope that we were able to answer most queries during our Transition Evening a few weeks ago but if not, these FAQ's may alleviate any concerns you may have.

### **Mobile Phones**

After consulting with various stakeholders, we would like to inform you that we have now banned the use of mobile phones by pupils on the school premises at any time (this includes lesson time plus before school, break and lunchtime). We have put a series of FAQ's on our website if you have any concerns relating to this: https://www.stpatricksrchigh.co.uk/news/mobile-phone-ban/

## **Cashless Catering**

During our transition days, we managed to successfully register the majority of our new starters to our Biometric System. This allows students to pay for their lunches using their fingerprint, if we did not register your child it was due to us not receiving back the Transition Pack and the Biometric Consent Form. Please ensure that we receive this on their first day in September to allow us to register them.

SCOPAY provides our Cashless Catering. During your child's first week you will receive a letter inviting you to register with SCOPAY using your child's unique link code. We advise students to bring in cash on their first couple of days until you receive the link code. They can add this to their account manually using the machines in school and we will show them how to do this.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child is on Free School Meals at Primary school, this will automatically carry on at St Patrick's as long as your circumstances have not changed since you originally applied. If you believe you may be eligible for Free School Meals and are not already receiving them, please apply here: <a href="https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/">https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/</a>

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#### Lockers

We have a limited number of lockers in school, and these will be available to all students on a first come, first served basis in September. Students must bring a £6.00 deposit to the main office on the first floor.

# **Uniform**

School Uniform and our PE kit can only purchased in-store or online from Whittakers Schoolwear. <a href="https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/school/st-patricks-rc-high-school/?swoof=1">https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/school/st-patricks-rc-high-school/?swoof=1</a>

Whittakers have kindly provided all new starters with a £5 off voucher to spend in store. Please collect yours from Reception by 1pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July if you haven't already done so. These vouchers expire on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

#### **School Buses**

All the information you will need relating to the school buses can be found on our website here: <a href="https://www.stpatricksrchigh.co.uk/pupils/getting-here/">https://www.stpatricksrchigh.co.uk/pupils/getting-here/</a>

If you have any further questions, please contact us on 0161 921 2300 or via email on <a href="mailto:stpatricks.rchighschool@salford.gov.uk">stpatricks.rchighschool@salford.gov.uk</a> by 1pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July when we will close for the summer holidays.

We would like to wish you a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Jones

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