

SAINT GEORGE
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 7 Induction

2026-2027

Information for Parents



List of Contents

1. The college day
2. The first day
3. Tutor-time and assemblies
4. Planners
5. PSHE
6. Trinity
7. Attendance/punctuality
8. Uniform
9. Rewards and sanctions
10. Cashless catering
11. EduLink
12. Clubs
13. Lockers
14. Buses
15. College policies
16. FAQs



The School Day

8.30 – 9.00am Tutor Time

9.00 – 10.00am Lesson 1

10.00 – 11.00am Lesson 2

11.00 – 11.20am Break

11.20 – 12.20pm Lesson 3

12.20 – 1.20pm Lesson 4

1.20 – 1.55pm Lunch

2.00 – 3.00pm Lesson 5

School term dates 2026-2027

Term	Starting	Ending
Autumn one	1 September 2026	23 October 2026
Autumn two	2 November 2026	18 December 2026
Spring one	4 January 2027	12 February 2027
Spring two	22 February 2027	25 March 2027
Summer one	12 April 2027	28 May 2027
Summer two	7 June 2027	21 July 2027

2026-2027 holidays

Holiday	Starting	Ending
Autumn half-term	26 October 2026	30 October 2026
Christmas holidays	21 December 2026	3 January 2027
Spring half-term	15 February 2027	19 February 2027
Easter holidays	26 March 2027	9 April 2027
Summer half-term	31 May 2027	4 June 2027
Summer holidays	22 July 2027	31 August 2027

The First Day

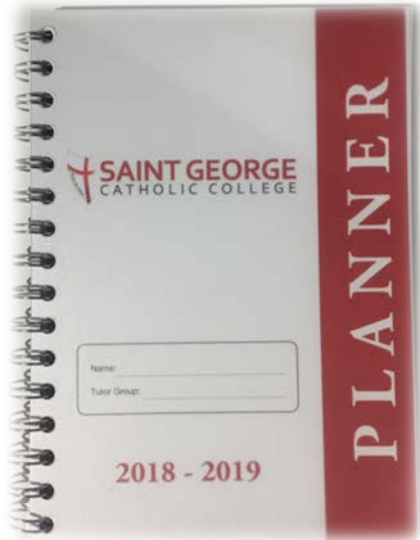
- Please note that due to INSET days, the first day of term for Year 7 is Thursday 3rd September. All other year groups return on Friday 4th September.
- The first day will be a normal school day for our new Year 7 cohort from 8.30am-3pm, they will attend some of their lessons and will spend time getting to know their new tutor group.
- Please be aware that our school buses do not run on this Year 7 only day.
- We are also currently in the middle of some building work, so our entry/reception area may look different, but we will ensure there are clear signs and teachers present to direct the students.

Tutor-time and Assemblies

- Tutor groups meet for 30 minutes a day
- Tutor-time begins at 8.30am and ends at 9am
- Each day will have an activity or topic for students to work on
- Tutor-time generally has a relaxed and comfortable feel to start the day
- There are daily prayers and reflection, led by tutors and by students
- There is a rota for tutor-time visits to the Chapel
- Assemblies bring together the whole year group and are held weekly. They include prayer, songs of praise, scripture teaching and reflection as well as key messages
- For Year 7, assembly is held on a Wednesday
- Assemblies are usually led by the progress leader, our college chaplain or the chaplaincy team, and members of the senior leadership team. There are also student-led assemblies throughout the year.



Planners



One of the activities completed by tutors is checking planners.

We ask that planners are signed by you and by your child's tutor at the end of each half term as a means of ongoing communication between home and school.

It is a way of monitoring the amount of homework that is set (and/or any break time and lunchtime detentions that are issued – although we hope there won't be any of those!)

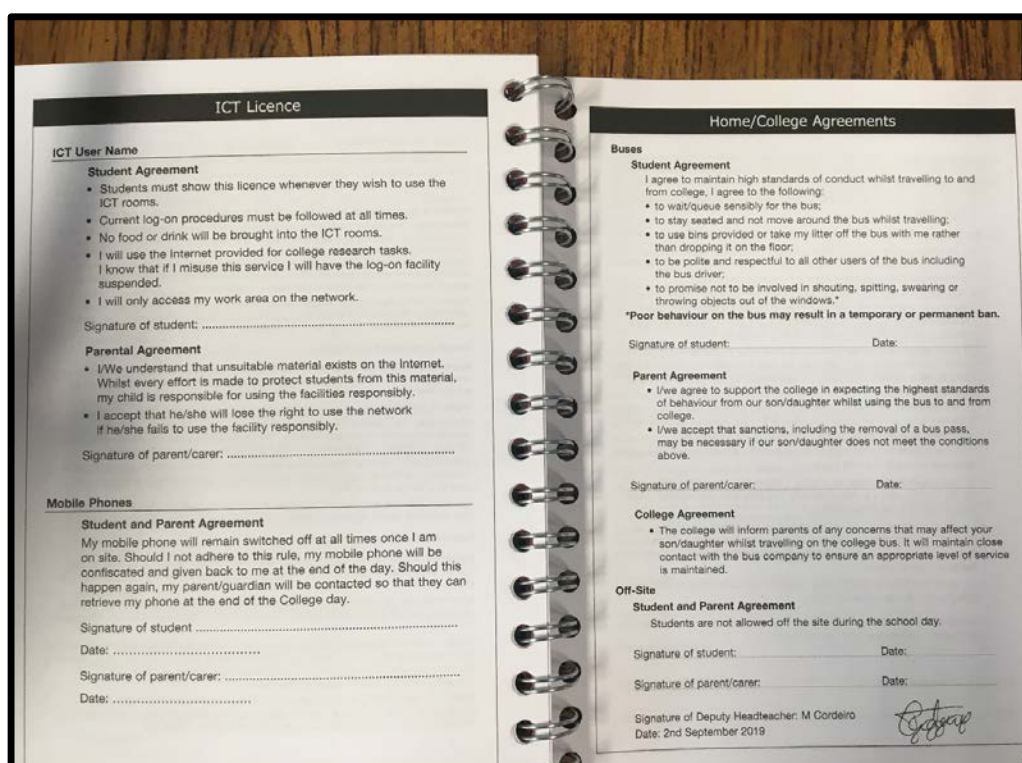
It is a basic expectation that students record their homework and detentions on a day-by-day basis.

What we expect you to check:

Your child will receive their planner on their first day at St George. As well as being a means of recording their activity in lessons, it also provides lots of useful information and includes some agreements that you and your child **MUST** sign (in red below). Please spend some time reading it together.

Pages of interest:

- College Calendar & Feast days
- Attitude Grade Explained
- College Values, Punctuality/Attendance, Illness, Valuables
- **Acceptable use of the internet: agreement for parents and guardians**
- **Mobile phones: agreement for students and parents/guardians**
- **Acceptable use of the school's ICT facilities and internet: agreement for pupils and parents/guardians**
- **Home/College agreements**
- **Locker Final Agreement**
- **Library Use Agreement**
- **Equality and Discrimination: The 9 Protected Characteristics**
- **Uniform & Haircut policy**
- School Dress Code
- Anti-Bullying policy



PSHE

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) is an essential part of the National Curriculum and is key to young people making responsible and well-informed decisions about their lives.

The PSHE curriculum we deliver is strongly linked to the social, moral, spiritual and cultural ethos of the college, and taught in line with the Catholic faith.

Topics covered in Year 7 include: social media, internet safety, health and wellbeing, and growing up.

The PSHE curriculum is shared on our website (see Parent Area / Teaching and Learning / Subjects).

Students have one lesson of PSHE a week on a rolling programme – for example, in Week 1 it is in P1 on Monday; in Week 2, P2 on Monday; Week 3, p3 on Monday, and so on.

PSHE lessons are usually taught by the tutor. Sometimes outside expert speakers deliver sessions, occasionally a senior member of staff may lead a lesson, and there are times when the whole year group is brought together for PSHE.



Trinity

Trinity is our support and inclusion center.

It is used primarily for student support, and is an environment where pupils feel safe to come and talk to staff.



Our brilliant Trinity team includes:

SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator)

ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Advisor)

Mental Health Nurse

Teaching Assistants

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Neurodiversity co-ordinator

Some responses from parents about their child's transition to St. George:

“I could not be happier with how the transition and Year 7 has gone. I feel at every point we have been supported completely to make sure my son has what he needs. He has always felt happy and secure.”

“This is the first school I feel actually cares about my daughter, she knows she has the support of Trinity when things get too much.”

“It is truly the best decision we ever made in sending our children to St. George. Staff are very friendly and helpful. When my son was diagnosed with autism the school were very helpful and understanding and offered a wide range of support. The school works in partnership with parents which builds a good relationship between teachers and pupils and parents

Attendance

We expect your child's attendance to be as close to 100% as possible, however, we do understand that sometimes students become ill or have appointments / life events that cannot be missed.

In the event of your child being ill or away from school, you must:

- Call in that morning via the absence line (**02380 670102**) and report that your child is off school
- Support the non-attendance by providing the school with evidence (such as a doctor's note) so that we can authorise the absence
- Continue to call in every day that your child is not in school.

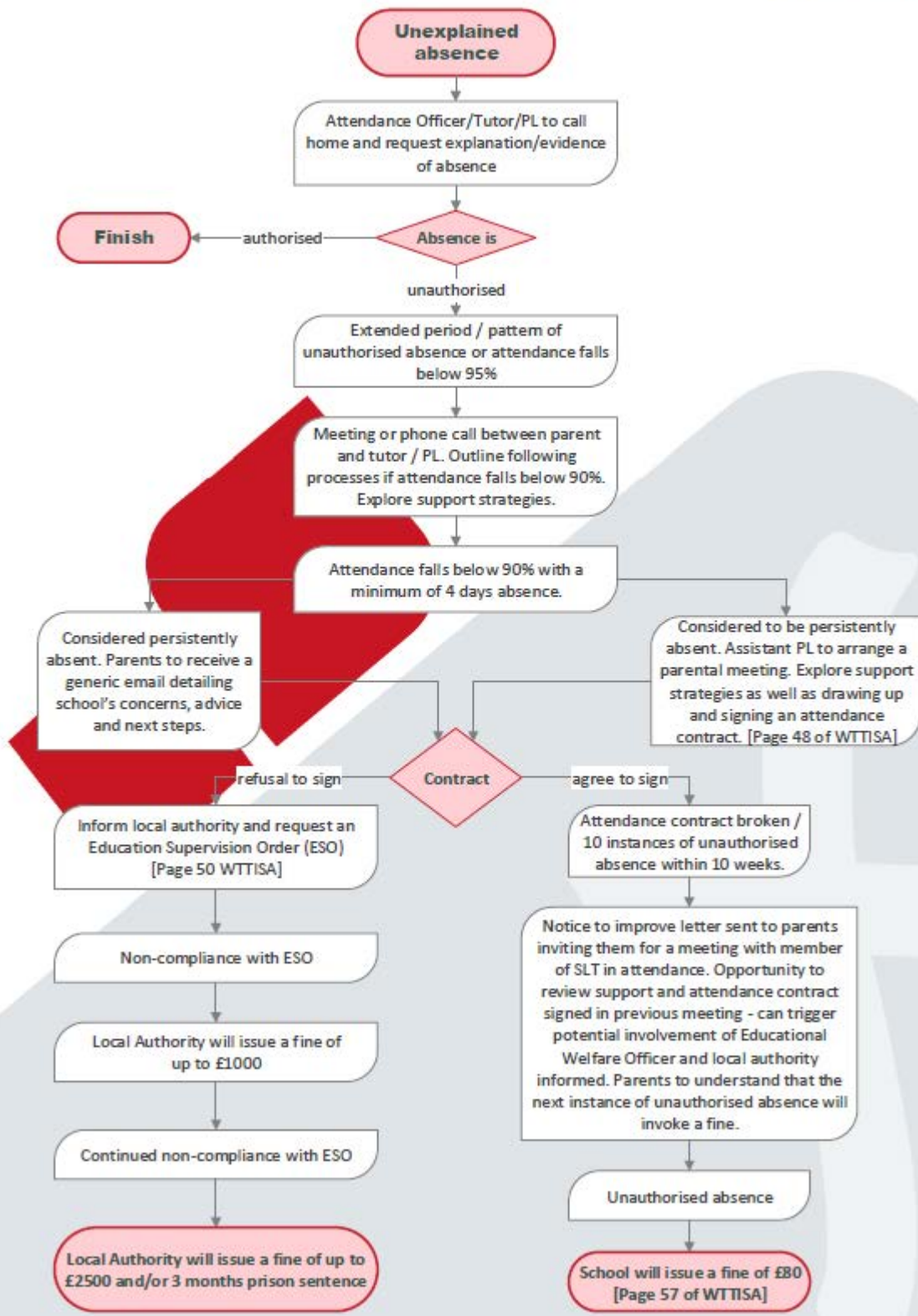
Holidays during term time will not be permitted or authorised unless a pupil has exceptional circumstances, for example, a bereavement.

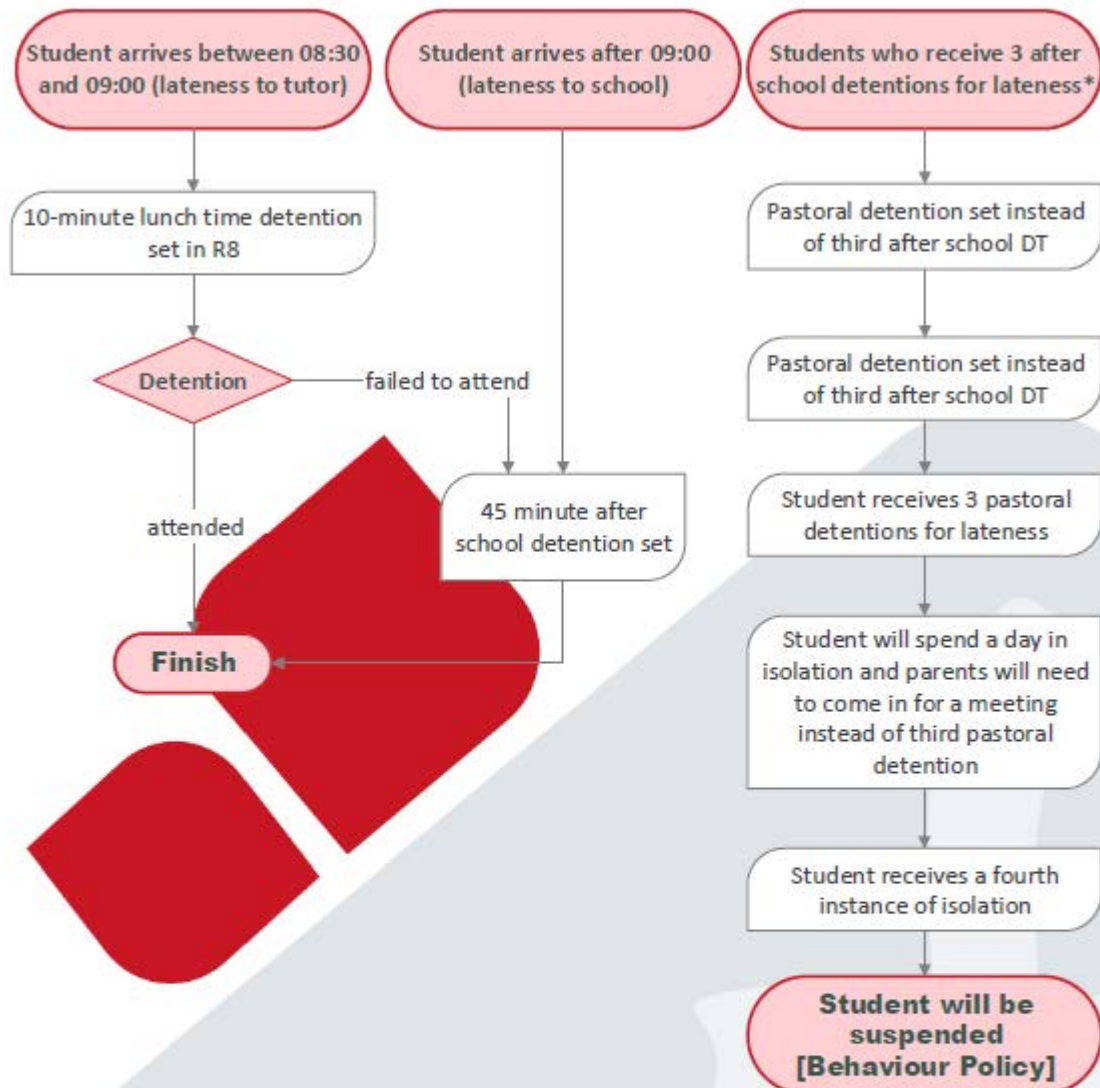
If there is ever a situation where your child needs time off, please either contact Sally Odam, or ask your child to collect a holiday form from the attendance office.

Punctuality is an important part of self-discipline and is essential to good time management. We ask that students are consistently in for 8.30am

If your child is not in school and we do not receive a call, you will receive one of our daily truancy calls.

Failure to do so will mean the absence will be unauthorised – which the college has a duty to report to the local authorities.





**This may be because of: The student arriving after 9:00. The student arriving before 9:00 but failing to attend the lunch time detention. The student arriving between 08:30 and 09:00 three times in a week or four times in a fortnight.*

Uniform

Introduction:

Saint George Catholic College has had a distinctive uniform for over sixty years, proudly displaying its Christian heritage with our school badge, featuring the Cross of Saint George at its centre.

At Saint George, we believe that a smart school uniform prepares students to develop a sense of professional dress, which is expected in working environments during adulthood. We expect our students to wear their uniform with dignity and respect.

Saint George Catholic College has a non-gender-specific uniform.

All students must wear the winter uniform during the autumn and spring terms. During the summer term, students may either continue wearing the winter uniform or opt for the summer uniform, but they must not mix items from both.

Much of our uniform can be purchased from supermarkets, ensuring accessibility while maintaining the Saint George identity through traditional branding.

The uniform must be worn smartly, with shirts tucked in and ties done up properly. All shoes/trainers must be black, with no patterns or coloured details. Hoodies / hooded sweaters are not permitted, and outdoor clothing should be removed once inside the classroom.

Purchasing Uniform:

Saint George Catholic College uniform can be purchased from the following stores:

1. **Skoolkit** – 31, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9FF
Tel: 02380 629095
2. **Koolskools** – www.koolskools4u.co.uk (A Fairtrade/Eco school clothing provider based in Shirley, Southampton)
3. **My Clothing** – [My Clothing](#)

Second-Hand Uniform Store:

We provide opportunities for uniform recycling through our second-hand shop, which also raises money for school charities. If you wish to purchase available items, please contact the school reception. We actively encourage donations of unwanted uniform items.

Winter Uniform (All Items Below Are Compulsory):

- Black blazer with college badge (can be purchased separately or together; badges available from Saint George)
- White shirt
- Red and white Saint George Catholic College tie
- Black straight trousers (no jeans, chinos, tight-fitting, or flared trousers)
- Black pleated skirt, close to the knee (no more than 5cm above the knee), not rolled up. No other skirt styles are allowed.
- All-black shoes/all-black trainers (no knee-high boots)
- Black/grey/white ankle-length socks
- Plain black/tan tights

Summer Uniform (All Items Below Are Compulsory):

- White polo shirt with college logo
- Black straight trousers (no jeans, chinos, tight-fitting, or flared trousers)
- Black pleated skirt, close to the knee (no more than 5cm above the knee), not rolled up. No other skirt styles are allowed.
- All-black shoes/all-black trainers (no knee-high boots)
- Black/grey/white ankle-length socks
- Plain black/tan tights

Optional Items (For Both Summer and Winter Uniforms):

- Black tailored shorts
- Black V-neck jumper with college logo

Winter and summer uniforms must not be mixed.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform:

Indoor / Summer PE:

- Red shorts, white socks, trainers (non-marking soles) – **compulsory**
- White polo shirt with St. George logo – *optional*
- Alternatively, a plain white polo shirt without a logo is allowed.

Outdoor / Winter PE:

- Red shorts, red socks, football boots/trainers, gum shield, shin pads – **compulsory**
- Red long-sleeved rugby top with college logo – *optional*
- Alternatively, a plain red rugby top without a logo is allowed.
- Black tracksuit bottoms or thick black leggings (for Year 10 & 11 girls) – *optional*
- During winter, the Saint George school jumper may be worn as an over-layer (no coats allowed). Thermals are encouraged under the rugby top but must not be visible.
- All items should be clearly labelled.
- *Recommended additional items:* College fleece top, deodorant, towel, and a change of shoes.

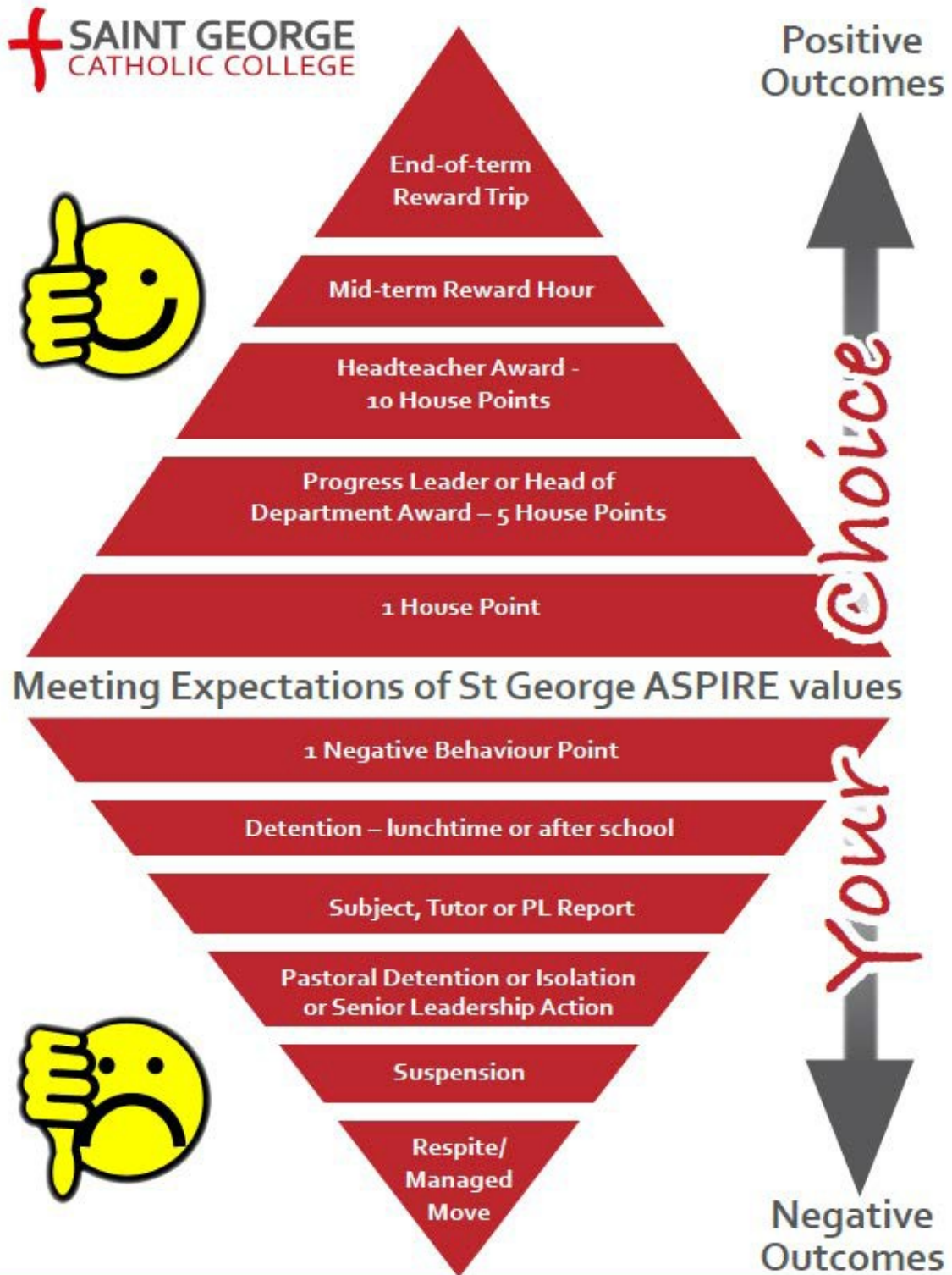
Equipment

To support your child's learning, please ensure they have the necessary equipment from the start. Below is a recommended list of items that will help them succeed in lessons

- Pencil Case
- Black/Blue Pen
- Green Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific Calculator (Casio FX-83GTX recommended)

Rewards and Sanctions

We have a system of rewards place to recognise where students go above and beyond our expectations, and a system of sanctions to address poor behaviour:



At St George we ASPIRE to be all that God created us to be

House points

- Lots of house points will lead to prizes such as the bronze, silver and gold award below.
- There is a reward hour in each of the first half terms for the students with the top house points in each year group.



Achievement Point Prizes

*"I have run the race to the finish;
I have kept the faith"
(2 Timothy 4:7)*

PRIZES

A pass to skip the lunch queue for one week	
Free time during a tutor session	
Sweets & Stationery Postcard from the Headteacher	

ACHIEVEMENT

 SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

This is in addition to being invited to the reward hour

Cashless Catering



- This is an easy way to top up and monitor your child's spending in the canteen
- Set-up is easy - instructions can be found on our website (*shown below*)
- **Please ensure you have put money into your child's account for their first few days in school if they are wanting to purchase food and drink from the canteen**
- Pupils can later either top up their accounts in school at two locations, or parents can top up via the school website
- Once you have a SCOPAY account, school trips and donations can also be paid via SCOPAY
- If you have any difficulties setting up your account, please email CCorcoran@stgcc.co.uk

[Home](#) > [Parent Area](#) > [Online Payments](#)

Online Payments

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Payments&pid=37>

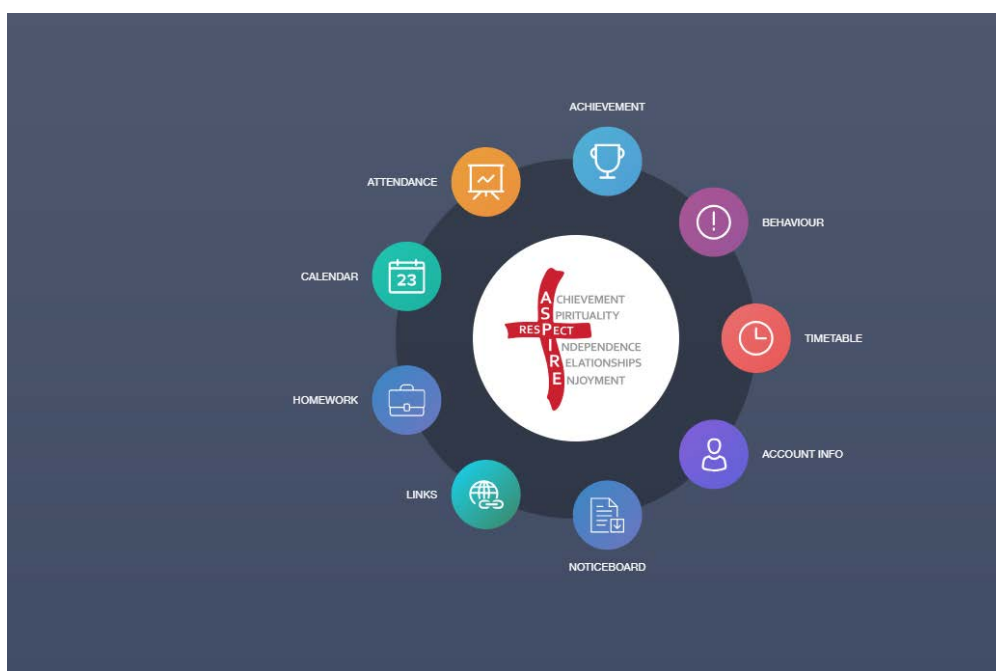


Login

Email	<input type="text"/>
Password	<input type="password"/>
	<input type="button" value="Login"/>
	<input type="button" value="Register as a new user"/>

EduLink




- EduLink is a website/app that can be used by parents, teachers and students. You can find it on the homepage of our school website in the top right corner.
- EduLink allows parents and students to see the homework that has been set, achievement points, behaviour points, attendance etc.
- It is a very useful tool in ensuring there is good communication between us all.




Clubs

- We have a huge variety of lunchtime and afterschool clubs for students. The expectation is that Year 7s join at least one club for half a term (either at lunch and/or afterschool. Please note, we are not able to provide transport home after our evening clubs, which finish at 4pm.
- All of our clubs are free to attend, and many will change each half term to ensure there's more variety. This is an example of our half-term club list:

Lunchtime Clubs and Activities: SPRING TERM B

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
Years 10 & 11 BASKETBALL Sports Hall Mr Devine <i>(Except during mock exams)</i>	Years 9-11 DRAMA R16 Miss Street	Year 7 & 8 GAMES & SOCIAL CLUB L10 Mrs Provenzano	Years 7 - 9 BASKETBALL Sports Hall Mr Gillard <i>(Except during mock exams)</i>	All Years MULTI-GYM Miss Ireland 
Years 7 & 8 SCIENCE CLUB G9 Miss Cullum	Years 7 - 9 BASKETBALL Sports Hall Mr Gillard <i>(Except during mock exams)</i>	Years 7&8 ART CLUB L3 Miss Pilcher	All Years TRINITY GAMES CLUB TR2 Trinity Staff/Miss Radzik	All Years PHILOSOPHY CLUB R13 Mrs Atkinson
All Years TRINITY GAMES CLUB TR2 Trinity Staff/Miss Radzik	All Years TRINITY GAMES CLUB TR2 Trinity Staff/Miss Radzik	Years 10 & 11 BASKETBALL Sports Hall Mr Gillard <i>(Except during mock exams)</i>	Years 7-9 LANGUAGES GAMES & EXCHANGE CLUB G2 Miss Raymont	All Years REFLECTIONS CRAFT CLUB R2 Mrs Lee-Cann/Mrs Stevens
All Years HISTORY CLUB L8 Ms Lefevre	All Years NEWSPAPER CLUB R3 Mr Scott	All Years TRINITY GAMES CLUB TR2 Trinity Staff/Miss Radzik	All Years THEOLOGY CLUB R5 Mr Farrell	All Years TRINITY GAMES CLUB TR2 Trinity Staff/Miss Radzik
All Years MULTI-GYM Miss Ireland 		Years 7 & 8 3D PRINTING CLUB G3 & G7 Mrs Gilbank	Years 9-11 ART WORKSHOP L4 Mrs Sumner	Years 10 & 11 BASKETBALL Sports Hall Mr Gillard <i>(Except during mock exams)</i>
Please check with the member of staff who is running the club what time you are expected to arrive by.		All Years MULTI-GYM Miss Ireland 		All Years SCIENCE FILM AND DOCUMENTARY CLUB G8 - Mrs Gibb
FRIDAY TUTOR TIME: ALL YEARS - ASPIRE VOICES – Music Department - Mr May/Mrs Pegg		All Years AFRICAN CARIBBEAN & ALLIES SOCIETY R9 - Mrs Smallwood		Years 7-9 ECO-COMMITTEE (for elected members & selected weeks) B4 Mrs Rope

After-School Clubs and Activities: SPRING TERM B

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
Year 10 POLISH Booster Club G4 Mrs Davenport	Years 7 & Year 8 DRAMA R16 Miss Street	All Years SG POPS L6 Mr May/Mrs Pegg	Year 10 COOKING CLUB G5 Mrs Fisher 	Year 10 DUKE OF EDINBURGH G4 Mrs Fisher / Miss Maton
	COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB (Week A –Y7, Week B –Y8) R11 Mr Ndabala/Mrs Smallwood	All Years DANCE Club Dance Studio Miss Catley		All Years BASKETBALL CLUB Sports hall Mr Guyer & Mr Rodriguez
	All Years 3D DESIGN CLUB Mr Rodriguez G7	All Years FOOTBALL CLUB Astro PE Department		
	All Years NETBALL MUGA Miss Ireland	Years 8-11 FIRST AID CHAMPIONS R16 Mrs Chappell		
		Years 9 & 10 NEW VIEWS SCRIPT WRITING L7 Miss Templeman		Unless otherwise advertised, all after-school clubs run from 3.05pm to 4pm.

Lockers

- There are 200 lockers so all Year 7 students should have an opportunity to secure one
 - Deposits of £10 are required
 - If the key is lost, £5 of your deposit will be used to replace this
- The locker agreement in your child's planner must be signed even if they don't have a locker – this is to prevent vandalism
- Your child is advised to keep their locker key on a keyring or ribbon to ensure it stays safe
- Lockers are located at various sites around school. Where possible, lockers will be allocated close to your child's tutor base.
- Students will get more information about this at the start of Year 7.



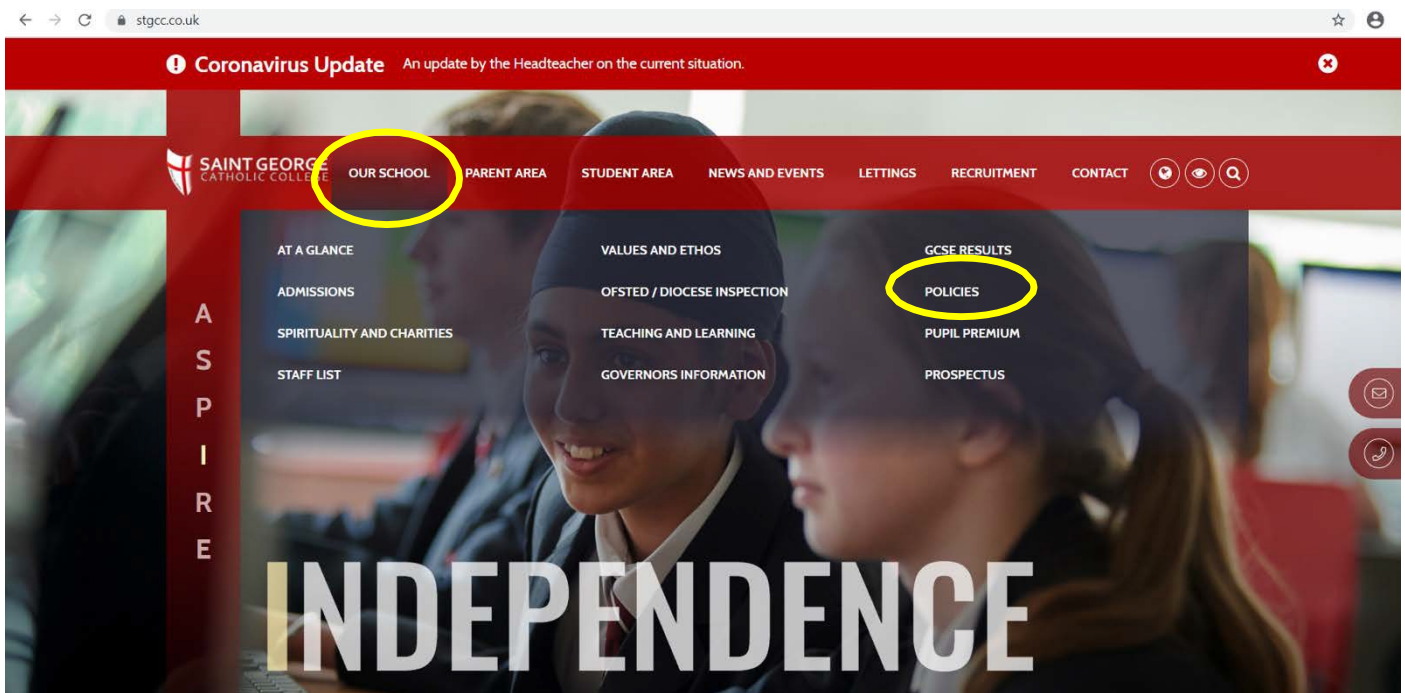
Buses

- You can find specific information about our school bus policy, as well as bus routes we provide on our website.
- Please be aware that we follow a behaviour system on our buses, if students are misbehaving there will be sanctions put in place and temporary or even permanent school bus bans can be given if behaviour does not improve.
- Mrs Smallwood is in charge of bus behaviour.

The screenshot displays the website for Saint George Catholic College. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Edulink One', 'MS Teams', 'SCOPAY', 'School Cloud', and 'Applicaa'. Below this is a main navigation menu with 'OUR SCHOOL', 'CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION', 'PARENTS', 'STUDENTS', 'LATEST NEWS', 'RECRUITMENT', and 'CONTACT'. The 'PARENTS' menu is open, showing a list of sub-links: Attendance, Conduct, Extracurricular, Home Learning, Parent Voice, Safeguarding, School Apps, School Meals, School Uniform, SEN, Term Dates, and Transport. The 'Transport' link is highlighted. On the left, a banner features the text 'INDEPENDENCE', 'RELATIONSHIPS', and 'ENJOYMENT' over an image of a student wearing safety glasses. Below the banner, a breadcrumb trail reads 'HOME → PARENTS → TRANSPORT', followed by the word 'Transport' in a large, bold font. At the bottom right, there is a section titled 'In This Section' with a list of links: Attendance, Conduct, Extracurricular, and Home Learning. The Saint George Catholic College logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

College Policies

You will find college policies in the 'Our School' area of our website:



Frequently Asked Questions

Question:
What time
does the
college site
open?

Pupils are welcome on site from 8am.
If students arrive early, they are advised to base themselves in the canteen or Trinity.
The canteen serves breakfast from 8.15am.
Everyone must be in for 8.30am

Trinity is also open until 4pm most evenings.
After-school clubs may be available – check the programme on the website.
Students may wait in reception or in the canteen.
Reception is not staffed after 4.30pm.

Concern: I
can't pick my
child up until
later in the
evening ...

Question: Are students managed when exiting the site at the end of the school day?

Staff help supervise the children on and off site to ease the flow of students as they leave school.

There is always a member of staff on the school gate, and two members of staff by the buses at the end of the driveway.

Members of the senior leadership team also walk down to the crossing at the end of Leaside Way to manage the safety of our pupils.

Issues are extremely rare and managed quickly and effectively by the pastoral team if they arise.

Year 7s have their own canteen area in the main hall and designated outdoor space on our Multi-Use Games Area.

These areas are supervised by staff at break and lunchtimes so your child will be safe and secure with a choice of both indoor and outdoor space.

Question: Is my child going to be safe during lunch time and break time?

Question: What if my child misses the bus home?

The buses won't depart until 3.10pm. This offers plenty of time for our students to move from the school site up to the bus stops at the end of the school day.

If a student misses the bus due to a fault that isn't their own (i.e. kept behind, or lost something) we will contact you straight away and look to find a way to bring the student home (usually establishment minibuses).

If the student misses the bus due to a fault of their own (i.e. poor time management) then we will contact you straight away and look to arrange a time for you to pick them up. We will keep them on school site and supervised until you arrive.

In this situation we will always look to contact you and give you 24 hours' notice of the after-school detention.

Getting the school bus is not a reason to not do after-school detentions, but we will look to work with you to come to a solution that works for all.

We will seek to arrange a time where you can pick your child up after their detention, or, will keep them on site and supervised until you can arrange transport home for them.

Question: My child gets the school bus so how can they do afterschool detentions?

Concern: Cycling to school

We encourage all of our students to travel to school in an environmentally friendly way.

If your child rides a bike and or scooter to school, then helmets are compulsory. Bikes/scooters will be taken if they ride to school without a helmet.

We also deliver regular tutor sessions and assemblies on road safety where we address the issue of cycle safety and using the roads correctly.

Our cyclists are exceptionally sensible and incidents are extremely rare.

There are secure bike locks at the back of the all-weather pitch.

Bikes are not permitted in the school buildings or the playground.

Question: Where can my child leave their bike?

Concern: My child doesn't know anyone in their tutor group or classes...

Although we want your child to feel settled here, our priority is with your child's learning, progress and development.

The students will find they will be in different classes depending on their ability, and banded into an 'A' side of the year group and a 'B' side of the year group depending on language study.

Students only spend 30 minutes a day in tutor groups – these are not groups they are with for all lessons. Students have been placed based on information we received from their primary school prior to them starting at St George.

Question: What extra-curricular clubs are there?

There are lots of extra-curricular clubs and activities that run during lunchtime or after school and all Year 7s are expected to participate in at least one a week.

Full details of the programme will be shared with your child on their first day with us and can also be found on our website.

Extra-curricular clubs typically run between 3pm and 4pm. PE fixtures and clubs will have a later finish. Students attending extra-curricular clubs will need to arrange their own transport home after the club.

Question: What time do extra-curricular clubs run?

Concern: What if my child doesn't feel well at school.

For head colds or tummy aches etc, we encourage you to send your child into school even if they feel slightly unwell. If their condition does not improve throughout the day, your child can go to first aid and our school nurse or one of our qualified first aiders will make an informed decision on whether they need to go home or should go back to lessons.

In the event that we think they need to be sent home, you will be contacted immediately to arrange the collection of your child.

Trinity has some laptops and devices for typing, or can offer some form of curriculum support so that disruption to learning is minimised.

In some cases, such as broken legs, work is often brought over to Trinity for the student to complete with Teaching Assistant support.

If your child has an injury, please notify us so that we can put the necessary provision in place.

Concern:
injuries that stop participation/ learning in some subjects

Concern:
My child takes medication during the day

Students must NOT carry or administer any medication themselves while at school. The exception is when a student needs to carry an inhaler/epi-pen. If this is the case, the college needs to have been notified by a signed/dated letter from you as their parent or guardian.

You must provide a letter for any medication brought into the college. This should be handed in to the first aid room, stating the dosage and when the medication needs to be taken during school hours.

We have a team of staff trained to support students, led by our Designated Safeguarding Lead Miss Cordeiro.

Children can visit Trinity, where they can have an informal chat or – if necessary – a referral to our ELSA or Mental Health Nurse.

Our website has advice for students and parents, and we have a designated email, only for children, if they are feeling concerned for their safety, well-being or have anxiety which is affecting their ability to function as they normally would: staysafe@stgcc.co.uk

Question:
What if my child is feeling anxious or worried?

Question:
Is my child
allowed a
mobile
phone in
school?

Mobile phones are not allowed to be used during school hours or on school site. Students are allowed to carry their mobile phones switched off or in their bags.

If we have concerns about your child, or they need to contact you, we have a phone in reception or in the Progress Leaders' office that your child can use to contact you.

The mobile phone policy was introduced for a number of reasons, one of them being the increasing number of incidents to do with social media.

Social media should be regulated by you, the parents – but at school we will provide an education into the risks of social media and how to operate social media safely and appropriately.

Concern:
Some of the
details I
supplied the
school have
changed.

We understand this is necessary in some instance, all we ask is that you notify us of any address or contact detail changes so that we can update our system.

It is most important that we are able to contact you via the easiest method in the event of an emergency.

Details are confidential and kept on our secure online system.

Useful contact information:

School website: www.stgcc.co.uk

General enquiries (email): info@stgcc.co.uk

Year 6 into 7 enquiries: transition@stgcc.co.uk

SEND enquiries: SENDadmin@stgcc.co.uk

Designated Safeguarding Lead (Miss Cordeiro): mcordeiro@stgcc.co.uk

Year 7 Progress Leader (Mr Copplestone): ocopplestone@stgcc.co.uk

Attendance/ Absence/ Admissions enquiries (Mrs Odam): sally.odam@stgcc.co.uk

Transport enquiries (Mrs Corcoran): ccorcoran@stgcc.co.uk

School telephone number: **02380 322603**

Absence line: **02380 670102**