

St-John's RC Primary School

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24th August 2026

Respect-Achieve-Kind-Ambition

Message from Mrs Kelly

The sun shines again as I write this, long may it continue as we enter into the last week of August.

Some safety information for new parents and a reminder for those who have been here longer:

Car Parking

The safety of our pupils is and will remain the highest priority. Please support us in adhering to safe parking when dropping your children at school. Parking on pavements, or on the cycle lane pose a serious risk to your children. For the safety and interest of our pupils, please do not attempt to park on Duddingston Road. If you do need to park, please park safely, further away from the school and walk the short distance to the gates. Thank you to all our parents and carers who use the surrounding streets as 'Drop Off' points this really helps to reduce congestion and keep our children safe.

Playgrounds

The front and back playgrounds are available from 0840 to 'drop and go.' and where possible we have staff available to supervise, the official start time is 0850.

Dogs are not permitted in the playground or school premises unless they are guide dogs.



Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Hopefully you are all aware that City of Edinburgh Schools have implemented the bell to bell strategy which means that pupil devices should be switched off for the entirety of the school day and given to the teacher for safekeeping, this includes smart watches.

In St John's pupils in P6&7 can bring a phone, if you would like a child in P5 and under to bring a device, please email the school office.

You can find a link to our mobile procedure here:

<https://stjohnsportobello.com/category/policies-and-planning/>

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Message from Miss Miller

Miss Miller's MusicStars

21st August 2026

P2 - Sadie and Carter

P3 - Orla, Archie, Thomas, Ahmad

P4 - Daniel Br, Rachel, Finlay, Diego

P5 - Violet, Lucy, Isla, Patrick

P6 - Hope, Szymon, Kleo, Phoebe

P7 - Jamie and Elif

We listen

We take part

We try our best

We follow directions

We work in a team





We have already started to collect Lost Property throughout the school and have had a few incidents where items have gone home with the wrong child as there is no name on item.

PLEASE

write your child's name on all items, including water bottles and lunch boxes. This way it will make its way back to your child.

Weather permitting the rails of clothing will be placed in the back playground on a Friday.



Thank you for all the wonderful donations of pre loved clothing which can be found in the foyer, and weather permitting on the rail that is placed

out at the front entrance in the morning. We currently have enough clothing and request that no more is brought in for the time being.



Our school will take part in the annual Flu Nasal Spray on Thursday 29th October, which is available to all children in P1-P7.

Forms were handed out last week and should be returned by Friday 28th August please.

If you DO NOT wish for your child to receive the spray, please indicate on the form.

For further information please see link below:-

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/childflu>

SAVE — THE — DATE

P6/7
Open Evening



Join us on
Monday
21 September 2026



at 6pm



at
Holy Rood RC High School



Explore
facilities



Meet
our staff



Learn about
transition



Discover our
S1 curriculum

Love • Forgiveness • Justice • Compassion

mindroom.



PARENT AND CARER PEER SUPPORT GROUP



For parents and carers of neurodivergent
children and young people in **Edinburgh**.



What are Parent and Carer Peer Support Groups?

These groups are to help parents and carers to share their knowledge and lived experience of supporting neurodivergent children. Peer support is when people use their own experiences to help each other.



What will the Parent and Carer Peer Support Group consist of?

Each monthly online group will have a topic where parents and carers can share information, resources, and strategies.



My child doesn't have a diagnosis – can I attend?

Yes, absolutely! No diagnosis is required to access Mindroom services.



2026/2027 SESSION DATES:

Each session will be held on Teams on
Thursday mornings at 10.30am – 11.30am.

- > Thursday 10th September 2026
- > Thursday 1st October 2026
- > Thursday 5th November 2026
- > Thursday 3rd December 2026
- > Thursday 7th January 2027
- > Thursday 4th February 2027
- > Thursday 4th March 2027
- > Thursday 1st April 2027
- > Thursday 6th May 2027
- > Thursday 3rd June 2027



The Teams link for each date will be provided after registering for a session.



There is no requirement or expectation that parents/carers attend every session.



Please email directhelp@mindroom.org or call 0131 370 6730 for information about signing up.

For more information about
any of our services or to request
support for you or your family:



Phone us 0131 370 6730



Email us directhelp@mindroom.org



Website www.mindroom.org

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Mindroom is a charity providing support to parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people across Edinburgh. We also have services to support children and young people. Your child does not need a diagnosis to access our services.

Communication

If you are contacting the school with a non-urgent enquiry, then please email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk.

This is a tracked mailbox and you will receive a response within 2 working days.

For urgent enquiries please phone the school office on 0131-669-1363 and leave message if unanswered to allow us to return your call.

Our office foyer is very busy first thing in the morning and ask if you have any questions or concerns for the class teacher please email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk (Use FAO.....) to help us direct your email to the correct person.

Absence and Request for absence

If your child is unwell and will not be able to attend school, you must phone the Office on 0131- 669-1363, by 8:30am, to let us know otherwise you will receive an absent text. The school has a rigorous policy of checking that all children are in school and will contact you directly should they fail to attend.

If your child is going to be absent for any medical appointments, please use the link to notify the school office giving at least 48hours notice where possible.

[Pupil Appointment Notification \(office.com\) link](#)

Holiday requests during term time should be put in writing at least 2 weeks prior to Mrs Kelly and sent to our admin address.
admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk

Lateness - Gates open at 0840 and close at 0850



School gates are opened from 0840 each morning for parents to drop their children off. At 0850 children are brought into school, they get organised for their learning and look at the plan for the day ahead. This is also a good time for your child to build up relationships with staff and friends in class.

If there is a reason why your child cannot get to school on time or you miss the gate closing, please bring your child through the main office where they will be recorded as late on the register or contact the school on 0131-669-1363.

Otherwise, we look forward to seeing all our children at 0850 each day.

Mrs Kelly
Headteacher