



Hello everyone

We have had another great week with 99% attendance! Thank you to everyone for helping to support us maintain a healthy school.

Great news! Early last week, I received a short call from the HSE, in line with the spot checks on schools' safety response to CV-19. No follow up visit has been advised. In addition, we received an onsite KCC Fire Risk Assessment which Mrs Cook and Senor Lalo led. I am delighted to say the results were highly complimentary around our practice and we are completely compliant. Many thanks to Mrs Cook and Senor Lalo for their dedication to the safety of our children.

The teachers are really getting to know their classes and now have had opportunity to meet and chat with you. The feedback from teachers has been highly positive around the virtual meetings. During lockdown we have all learnt many things and experienced new ways of working; some of them we may take forward. I am interested to hear how you found them. **Please can I ask that class reps help me collect views, and ask their group to comment on the following statement and question:**

1. I preferred the virtual meetings- yes/ no
2. If yes, what were the benefits?

Once you have collated the information, please forward it on admin@claremont.kent.uk with the Name of the Class at the top. The staff are also completing a survey, and so we can move forward together if any changes take place.

The weather has taken a turn for the worse, I hope you still are able to have a great weekend.

Candi Roberts and the brilliant team at Claremont.

Thursday 15th October is the day of the 11+ test. We are asking all children in **Years 3,4, 5 and 6** to bring in a **packed lunch** that day. There will be NO hot dinners provided. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like the caterers to provide a packed lunch for your child that day, **please let the office know**. Years R, 1 and 2 will be having a hot meal provided as usual.

The Year 6 team will be in touch with further details for those children who will be taking the test on that day.

Reminders for accessing the school site



Please **do not park along Claremont Road** at any time during the school day and particularly at drop off and pick up times. This creates a safety hazard for all families and children crossing the road.

Please can we ask that you line up along Banner Farm Road at pick up and drop off times. Please could you avoid congregating around the entrances to the paths in this area. Parents and families are struggling to maintain social distancing when accessing these paths at peak times.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Set out below is a copy of the statement that has been placed on the 2021-2022 admissions page on the St Gregory's website in response to the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on Mass attendance. This statement has also been communicated by email to Kent County Council Admissions and to all local primary schools where the admissions authority is not KCC.

The statement will also be included in correspondence and presentations with parents and carers.

Admissions Clarification (Covid-19)

Parents and carers applying for places in Years 7 to 11 in the academic year 2021-2022 are asked to note the following statement in relation to the Mass Attendance oversubscription criterion set out in St Gregory's admission arrangements:

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark, the governing body of St Gregory's Catholic School has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted while churches are closed or attendance at church is not possible due to Covid-19. This statement has been shared widely with parishes by the Education Commission in order to ensure that determinations made by parish priests concerning regular practice of the faith are being made on a consistent basis. The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent or carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

*Mike Powis, Chair of the KCSP Board
September 2020*



Food: Eating the right foods

Rest: Getting enough sleep

Exercise: Being active

Digital Devices: Managing time spent online

Easy Chilli Con Carne

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 large onions, halved and sliced
- 3 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 tbsp mild chilli powder
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 2 tsp dried oregano
- 1kg pack lean minced beef
- 400g can chopped tomato
- 2 beef stock cubes (we like Just Bouillon)
- 2 large red peppers, deseeded and cut into chunks
- 10 sundried tomatoes
- 3 x 400g cans red kidney beans, drained



Method:

1. Heat oven to 150C/fan 130C/gas 3. Heat the oil, preferably in a large flameproof casserole, and fry the onions for 8 mins. Add the garlic, spices and oregano and cook for 1 min, then gradually add the mince, stirring well until browned. Stir in the tomatoes, add half a can of water, then crumble in the stock and season.
2. Cover and cook in the oven for 30 mins. Stir in the peppers and sundried tomatoes, then cook for 30 mins more until the peppers are tender. Stir in the beans.
3. To serve, reheat on the hob until bubbling. Serve with avocado or a big salad with avocado in it, some basmati rice or tortilla chips and a bowl of soured cream.
4. *If you want to use a slow cooker, fry your onions in a pan for 8 mins, then add your garlic, spices and oregano and cook for a minute. Gradually add the mince until it's brown. Tip into your slow cooker with the tomatoes, peppers, sundried tomatoes and beans, crumble in the stock cubes and season to taste. Cook on Low for 8-10 hours, then serve as above.*