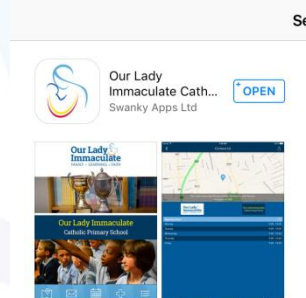


Dear Parents,

We are pleased to let you know that we now have a **new school mobile app** that you can download for **FREE** that has many invaluable features that we are sure you will get a real benefit from.

You can download the app by searching for “Our Lady Immaculate Primary School” from the APP STORE – our app has our school logo (see below)



We will also be using the app to send out **push notifications**, these are messages that are sent directly to all parents. We hope this will eventually replace the text messaging service we currently use.

IMPORTANT

When you download the app for the first time it will ask the following questions.

1. Offline Caching.

This lets you view certain information even if you haven't got a signal. You can select Yes or No.

2. Allow access to your location.

This is a standard Apple request. We by no means know or have access to anyone's location but you need to select **Yes** in order to receive push notifications from the school.

3. The last message is to then enable push notifications.

This is important that you select **NOTIFY ME**.

As this is a brand new method of communication and we are very keen to improve and develop the app so everyone gets the maximum benefits. At the moment you can :

- View all the school holidays and term dates and add them to your phone calendar in one click using the + sign in the corner of the screen

- Notify us of your child's absence from school by completing a simple form, which will send an email directly to the school.
- Book or cancel sessions for the school's wraparound care and afterschool club provisions.
- Inform us of any changes to contact details for you and your family
- See a list of important events which are taking place in the school
- View the school menu for this week and the coming term.

We hope to continue to improve our APP and will be holding an information session for parents after the October half term and would love as many parents/grandparents and friends of the school.

If you have any ideas for improvement then please let us know and we will try to implement any good ideas that we receive.

We hope you are as excited as we are, as we believe this will provide all of our parents with quick and easy access to certain information, keeping you fully informed of any important news.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Catherine Sergeant
HEADTEACHER