



**St Joseph's R.C. Primary School**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

After a difficult few months in such unprecedented times, we are really looking forward to welcoming all our children back in September. Our main aim is to make sure that they feel excited, safe and happy to be back in school. However, we still will have to follow procedures and risk assessments so although there will be some changes to the way we operate in school we want to reassure you that the children's well-being and smooth transition back into this new normal is our top priority.

As part of our planning, the following organisation and arrangements will be in place for September.

### **Timings of the school day**

In line with guidelines and recommendations, to keep our school community safe, we will continue to stagger the entry and exit times for all children across the school

	Class 1 Nursery & Reception	Class 2 Years 1 & 2	Class 3 Years 3 & 4	Class 4 Years 5 & 6
Entry time	Between 8.35-8.45	Between 8.35-8.45	Between 8.50-9.00	Between 8.50-9.00
Home time	Between 3.00-3.10	Between 3.00-3.10	Between 3.15 -3.25	Between 3.15-3.25

We understand that some families have children in different classes, therefore to make things easier for these families their times are 8.50am (entry) and 3.15pm(exit).

The one way system will still be in operation; this worked really well before the summer break as it prevented congestion and allowed us to keep to the recommended social distancing measures.

### **Wrap Around Care**

We are busy making plans to open our Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club in September. As you can appreciate in the current climate, this will not look like it did previously, but we are aware how important this facility is to some of our parents. Therefore, we will do our best to accommodate as many children as we can but initially places will need to be limited. To enable us to plan for this provision, please look out for a parents' questionnaire – a link will be texted out later today. We would really appreciate if you could complete this by 5pm, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

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## **Uniform**

We would ask that the children return to school wearing our full uniform.

### Reception-Year 6:

This consists of grey sweatshirts/cardigans, pale blue polo shirts and black/grey trousers, or skirt/pinafore. The official uniform provider is Elizabeth's Embroidery, the password for online ordering is BLACKHALL

Nursery: The Jade green sweatshirt/cardigan, yellow t-shirt and black/grey trousers/skirt. The password for online ordering is JAY

P.E. Kit for all our pupils consists of a plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts and plimsolls. We will update you closer to September about outdoor PE kits.

## **School Bags**

In order to comply with our Risk Assessments, we do not want children to bring in any large bags as space is very limited in school. Therefore, school has purchased for each child a PE bag and a book bag and these will go home with the children in the first week and we will explain more about these at a later date. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this as it will ease congestion in small areas and help us to keep the children safe.

## **School Dinners**

We have been informed from Durham County Council that school dinners will increase in September from £2.05 to £2.10 for children in Years 3 – 6. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they will receive Universal Free School meals and therefore you will not be required to pay for their meals.

From September, please ensure that all ParentPay accounts are kept up-to-date.

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish you a lovely summer. I will be in touch before we return to school in September to give you any further updates in line with the latest Government guidance.

Thank you.

With very best wishes,

Mrs L Ashton

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