



**St Joseph's R.C. Primary School**  
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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Return to school September 2021**

**A warm welcome back to all of our children and families. We hope that you have managed to enjoy the warmer weather and some quality time together.**

I am writing to you to confirm arrangements for our return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **COVID 19 Update**

The Department for Education provided updated guidance in July 2021, setting out the following information relevant for schools:

#### **The removal of key restrictions means:**

- there is no requirement for 'bubbles' within schools
- there is no requirement for staggered starts or ends to the school day
- we can resume whole school assemblies/collective worship
- face coverings for staff are not needed in communal areas

#### **From August 16th:**

- under 18s do not need to self-isolate if they have been in 'close contact' with a positive COVID case, meaning pupils do not need to be sent home if a classmate/staff member tests positive
- schools do not need to do track and trace

#### **We would like to assure you that in school we will:**

- continue the system of both hand hygiene and 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- continue a cleaning regime in classrooms of at least twice per day
- continue providing ventilated classrooms
- provide remote education for those isolating

We would like to remind all Parents/Carers that pupils should **not be** undertaking LFD tests at home and where children present with symptoms of Covid 19 a PCR test should be arranged for them.

### **Drop off and pick up times**

Children will continue to enter school from 8:45am via their classroom doors, with pupil registration taking place at 8.55am.

From September, the school day will end at 3:15pm for all and children will exit via their classroom doors onto the school yard.

### **Lunchtimes**

From September, our children will no longer be eating lunch in their classrooms and we will no longer have set bubbles within school. Children will have allocated break and lunchtimes and will return to eating lunch in the school hall. The cost of school lunches has increased slightly to £2.15 per day and should be paid for via our Parent Pay site. This payment does not need to be made for pupils who are in Reception or Key Stage 1 or if your child receives free school meals.

### **Breakfast / Tea Time Club**

We will begin our Breakfast and Tea Time clubs from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. This provision must be booked via the online booking form that will be sent to you each week by the school office.

**Tea time club will run each day in two blocks.**

3:15 -4:15pm
4:15 -5:15pm

Tea-time club will be run by school staff, and pupils will be provided with a light-bite/snack.

### **School Uniform**

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that pupils should wear full school uniform with black shoes and no trainers. Pupils should bring their school PE kit with them on their return to school and this will stay in school. For safety reasons please ensure that no jewellery is worn and in particular all earrings are removed.

We are all excited to welcome the children back to school on Monday and start our new school year together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L. Ashton

(Headteacher)