

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to welcome all pupils back into school on Wednesday. A huge thank you to everyone for ensuring the children arrived at their specific entrance point on time ensuring that there was no cross over of bubbles. We appreciate that some parents have more than one child to drop off and some start and finish at the same time, please always go to pick up your youngest first as the older children can stand for a few moments to wait for you to walk around. If for any reason you are late and the class has gone in please telephone the school office and a member of staff will come out and bring your child into school, **please do not just send your child into school** – this is to ensure that there is no cross over of bubbles both outside and inside school.

Covid-19

Please can we remind parents/carers that families and children need to follow the socially distanced guidelines set by the government when waiting outside of school to drop off/collect their children.

Such smart uniforms!

It is wonderful to see so many of the pupils dressed and ready to learn in their bright new uniforms. I really appreciate all your support in ensuring the pupils come to school in the correct uniform. Please ensure that children wear appropriate black shoes and **not** trainers. All information on our school uniform policy can be found on our website www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk I am aware that some of you are experiencing difficulties with your orders, please just let us know.

Essential items

Children should only bring a named water bottle and packed lunch into school on a daily basis and they should leave their PE kit in their personal box in class. No bags or stationary of any kind should be brought in to school. Children are supplied with their own personalised set of essential classroom resources e.g. exercise book, pencil, ruler, pens, sharpener etc.

School Lunches

School lunches need to be booked via Parent Pay for **all children**, regardless of whether you pay for them or not, at least 2 days in advance for the following week. Lunches can be booked on a weekly, monthly or termly basis.

We have been working with Taylor Shaw and taken feedback from parents this week and will be offering a choice of sandwiches for parent to choose from with their children from week commencing 14th September onwards. A



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new menu will be uploaded to Parent Pay and we ask that all choices are made by the Wednesday for the following week. We hope that by offering choices of sandwich fillings it will help children choose what they enjoy most.

Driving and Parking Around School

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are driving in a dangerous manner along Thorneyholme Terrace when dropping off and collecting their children from school. Could I please remind everyone to drive slowly and carefully on Thorneyholme Terrace and all the roads around school. Our Reception children come out of a different entrance and cars are using the road that they walk out onto to turn around. This is really dangerous and is putting our children and parents/carers at risk.

The car park inside St Joseph Church grounds (opposite the entrance to school) is for those attending St Joseph's Church, and Father Dermott has specifically requested that parents/carers do not use it to park in or as a drop off and pick up point for school. We respectfully ask that families at the school do not park in the Church car park. Thank you.

Absence

In the event of your child being off school, it is essential that parents ring and let us know the **reason** for the absence. If we do not receive a phone call we will ring you and text you; however in the event of no reply we are then obliged to inform the relevant authorities because that child is classed as 'Missing in Education.' Please help us by always informing us about your child's absence before 8.50 am (a message can be left on the school answer phone).

Ear-Rings

Please ensure that ear-rings are removed before your child comes to school. Children cannot come to school with tape over their ears and earrings still in.

Medication

If your child has a medical condition, irrespective of whether or not we administer medication in school, we require a new Individual Health Care Plan to be completed every year. If your child does need regular medication during the school day a parental agreement form also needs to be completed.

It is really important that we have up to date medical information for your child in case of an emergency and without the signed plan and agreement we will not be able to administer any medication. These forms were sent home with the school report and a copy can also be found on the school website <http://www.stanley->



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pri.durham.sch.uk/?s=medicines. Can you please ensure that these are returned to school with any named medication by Wednesday 9th September at the latest.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Cowan in the school office between 8.00 am and 3.30 pm. If details change throughout the year, please let us know as soon as possible.

Birthdays

Due to COVID-19 we are unable to accept birthday cakes into school. However, if it is your child's birthday and they want to bring something into school they can bring a sealed bag of 30 Haribo's (or similar). School will wipe the bag with a disinfectant wipe and then open the plastic bag to distribute individual packets to the class.

Spare Uniform

Whilst we really appreciate the offers of spare and used uniform, unfortunately due to COVID-19 we are unable to accept any at this present time.

Influenza Vaccination Programme 2020

Every year, flu kills thousands of people. The school age flu vaccination programme **helps protect children against flu**, which can be a very unpleasant illness and lead to complications like bronchitis and pneumonia. The flu vaccine also helps to prevent transmission of flu to the wider community, including older family members and new born babies who may have weaker immune systems.

This winter, more than ever, the school age flu vaccination programme will be a key intervention to protect those at risk, prevent ill-health and **minimise further impact** from the COVID-19 pandemic on the NHS and social care.

All primary school children are eligible for the Flu Vaccination and it will be administered in School on Thursday 26th November.

Further information on how to give consent and book your child a vaccine will be sent out once we have received this from the child immunisation team.



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Railings outside of school opposite the KS1 entrance

Please ensure that your child does not climb on the tall black metal railings outside of school as we don't want anyone to fall and hurt themselves. Once children have been dismissed they are parents/carers responsibility.

Contact Telephone Numbers

If you change your telephone number can you please advise the office as we need to have up to date contact details for your child.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs A. Thorpe
Headteacher

