

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Informing school of a positive COVID-19 test result

To keep our whole school community safe, it is essential that we know if any child or family member, with whom the child has had contact, tests positive for COVID-19. To ensure that we have the information please can you email school stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net with Positive Covid-19 in the subject field, giving all the details of who has received a positive test and your contact details including mobile phone number at the earliest possible point after the result. It is essential that we are able to contact you and that you start the NHS track and Trace process immediately - **where pupils or a member of their household displays symptoms of the coronavirus, please follow the Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection and engage in the NHST Test and Trace procedure.**

Driving and Parking Around School

Concerns have been raised from a member of the public with regard to the safety of our children and their parents/carers who are waiting at the school entrances. The safety of our children and those dropping them off are of paramount importance to us. Can you please ensure:

- You and your children do not stand on the road whilst waiting to come into school
- Drive slowly and carefully on Thorney Holme terrace and the roads around school
- Do not park on single or double yellow lines unless you have a blue badge
- Do not block any residents' garages
- Do not turn cars around at the bottom of the road as our Nursery and Reception children use this entrance
- There are markings on the pavement to enable you to line up in a socially distanced way
- Please try not to stand in the road when waiting to collect your child

Father Dermott has expressly requested that everyone please avoid parking and pulling into the church grounds to drop off or pick up your child, there are a number of car parks in Stanley which are in close walking distance to school. Thank you for your continued support.

School Office

The school office is extremely busy especially at the beginning of the school day. If a member of staff does not answer the telephone it could be that:



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- There is only one person in the office and they are already speaking to someone on the phone
- The staff member is dealing with a first aid incident or an upset child
- They have been called to another part of the school to assist

Please leave a message on the answerphone and a member of the office staff will get back to you as soon as they can. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Breakfast Club

A new bookable system has been put in place for any child who wishes to attend Breakfast Club. Places now **need to be booked in advance** and paid for at the time of booking. Places can be booked on a weekly, monthly or termly basis. A reminder that Breakfast Club opens at 7.40 am and children need to be in by 8.00 am.

Email Accounts

We are in the process of setting up an email account for every child which will be used in the event of a class bubble or partial/whole school closure due to COVID-19. Further information regarding log in and passwords will be sent home in the coming weeks. Each class teacher will have a separate email address; however, this is only to be used if that class is in isolation.

Sickness & Diarrhoea

A reminder, advice from Public Health England states that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they must be absent from school for 48 hours after the last episode. This applies even if they only have 1 episode and are feeling well; however, if your child has been sick once through travel sickness or coughing and are not unwell they are still able to attend school.

Social Media

We use our Facebook page to share what the children have been doing during the school day and ask all parents for permission to use their child's photograph. Not all parents have given consent for their child's photograph to be used in this way. Can we please request that when parents are commenting about a post that they do not use any children's names? You are also all reminded of our acceptable use policy which is on the school website.



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Reopening of Churches – An Update:

Following on from the Parish Diocesan Risk Assessments last week, some churches in our partnership will be reopening for Public Masses on:

- Saturdays at St Patrick's Church at 5pm
- Sundays at St Joseph's Church at 11am

Starting Saturday 10th October there will be Mass at St Patrick's Church at 5pm on Saturdays and Starting Sunday 11th October there will be Mass at St Joseph's Church at 11am on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE AT MASS REQUIRES PRE-BOOKING on a special number which church will be circulating shortly, with details of how and when you can book. Numbers allowed in Church at each Mass will be limited to comply with their Risk Assessments. They hope that they will be able to get Sacred Heart Church risk assessed soon and they will keep you updated on progress. With the recent announcement of the planned reopening of churches in our Diocese, the Diocese has produced a short video to help you familiarise yourself with what you can expect when your church reopens. Please [watch it here](#).

Do you need to speak to someone for support?

For those who are seeking a Priest with whom they can speak at this time, could you please contact the Parish Priest at your local Church. You can find your local Church telephone number by visiting our [Church directory](#) and selecting the link for your church. This link will display the Church contact details. Dedicated counsellors and listeners are also available at the Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and on the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

First Holy Communion

All year 5 pupils received a letter on Wednesday 30th September from Father Dermott outlining the details for the way in which we can support families to celebrate their child's Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

National Poetry Day

On Thursday 1st October, it was national Poetry day, the following link gives you some wonderful ideas on ways to celebrate poetry with your children. <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/celebrate-national-poetry-day/>



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The Vicariate for Faith & Mission:

Pope Francis – Prayer to Mary for Protection during the COVID–19 Pandemic.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test –
and deliver us from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin.



The Book Trust

All the reception children will come home on Friday, with their gift of a beautiful new book called 'The Runaway Pea' which is theirs to keep. Every year our reception children benefit from these free books and we are thrilled to be part of this program.

As always, we appreciate all of your support and prayers.

Best wishes,

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Headteacher

