

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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9th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Informing school of a person with Coronavirus symptoms within your household

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, has symptoms of coronavirus - **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](#).** Please do not send your child to school, until you are in receipt of a negative test result or have isolated for 14-days.

In the event of a child or member of your family developing symptoms and to ensure that we have the correct information please can you email school stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net with Coronavirus Symptoms in the subject field, giving us details of who has symptoms and if they have booked a test.

If a NEGATIVE COVID-19 test result is received, please email school a copy of the results with NEGATIVE COVID-19 in the subject box. Once we have this and as long as no-one in the household has symptoms, your child can return to school.

If a POSITIVE COVID-19 test result is received, please email school a copy of the results with POSITIVE COVID-19 in the subject box. Please give 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. Your child will need to stay at home for the relevant isolation period.

If no test is undertaken than your child must stay at home for the full 14-day isolation period.

As you know guidance is being updated on a regular basis. Please visit the government website for the latest information <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>. If you are still unsure as to whether or not your child should come into school please phone the school office before bringing your child into school.



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A few reminders

If your child is late for school and their class has already gone in please **do not** send them down the church path on their own as they risk mixing with children from other bubbles. Please telephone the school office and a member of staff will come out to the church and bring your child into school. This is so important to help us ensure that there is no cross over between bubbles.

Can we please request that children do not play or run around the church grounds or run across the flower beds, outside KS1 yard, whilst waiting to come into school?

Nursery and Reception New Starter Visits

If you know of anyone who is considering applying for a place in our Nursery or Reception in September 2021 and they are unfamiliar with our school we are hoping to offer individual visits for one parent/carer only. A 10-minute time slot for 1 parent/carer to visit either the nursery or reception class room is proposed for:

- Tuesday 17th November from 3.45pm for Potential Reception New Starters
- Wednesday 18th November from 3.45pm for Potential Nursery New Starters.

These visits will only go ahead if the COVID 19 regulations/restrictions at the time allow so unfortunately these visits may have to be cancelled at the last minute. All visitors must comply with the schools COVID-19 guidance which includes wearing a face mask. Places must be booked by contacting the school office.

Alternatively parents/carers can take a look at our current school brochure on the school website <http://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-brochure/> and book an appointment to speak with me if they have any queries. Please email or ring (01207 232624) the school office stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net to make an appointment.

Flu Vaccination

If your child is in Reception to Year 6 and you would like them to have the nasal flu spray then please visit the link or scan the QR code below to consent for your child (one for each child) to receive their flu



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vaccine on 26th November 2020 in school. This consent must be completed asap (and at least 2 days before we are due in your school) to ensure we can vaccinate your child when we are in school. Please note the consent form has been improved and simplified.

You will be asked to enter a secure school code:

School Name:	Code:
St Joseph's	114245



www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be a very serious illness and sometimes causes major health complications particularly in children and the elderly. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. Please ensure you read and understand all the information by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/> before you complete the consent form.

While preventing the spread of Covid-19 and caring for those infected is a public health priority, it remains very important to maintain good coverage of immunisations, particularly in the childhood programme. In addition to protecting the individual, this will avoid outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases that could harm individuals and increase further the numbers of patients requiring health services. **Note: The nasal flu vaccine contains trace amounts of products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine).** More information is available from www.nhs.uk/child-flu-FAQ The vaccination is free and recommended for children and is given via a quick and simple spray up the nose.



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Mental Health and well-being

There are a number of agencies out there ready and willing to support our families. Please feel free to contact any one of them for support at any time.

- **NHS** - If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the NHS on: 03000 032554
- **MindEd** – a free educational resource from Health Education England on children and young people's mental health - <https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk/>
- **Rise Above** is a website co-created and produced by young people <https://riseabove.org.uk/>
- **Every Mind Matters** includes an online tool and email journey which aims to support everyone to feel more confident in taking action to look after their mental health and wellbeing <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>
- Barnardo's **See, Hear, Respond** programme, focusing on finding and reaching out to vulnerable children around the country who are experiencing negative impacts on their health and wellbeing, as well as those at risk of harm; and are not being seen by statutory agencies <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond>
- **Bereavement UK** and the **Childhood Bereavement Network** provide information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff. <http://www.bereavement.co.uk/>
<http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/>

Parental Survey

Every child has been sent home with a copy of the pupil well-being survey following the return to school in September. We would appreciate it if every child can complete a form and bring it back into school. They will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before being read.

Home Packed Lunches

Our policy on home packed lunches has always been that what your child doesn't eat will be sent home in their packed lunch box/bag so parents can monitor what their child is or is not eating on a daily basis. We will still continue to send home uneaten food that can be wrapped up, but obviously not half eaten yoghurt pots etc.



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Due to the current COVID-19 guidance, the **outside** of all packed lunch boxes/bags are wiped down with an antibacterial wipe when your child arrives in school. Please note that we are unable to wipe the inside of your child's lunch bag/box on a daily basis after lunch so we request that these are thoroughly cleaned on an evening before your child brings it back into school the next day.

The Book Trust

All the nursery children will come home on Friday, with their gift of a beautiful new book called 'The Runaway Pea' which is theirs to keep.

Reading Books

Parents/carers of KS1 children have been contacted individually to start a trial of sending books home on a weekly basis. They will be sent home on a Monday and returned on a Friday to be quarantined over the weekend. We hope to expand this home reading plan to the whole school after half term. Reading is an essential part of learning and we want to support our children on their learning journey, however we need parents to help us with this too. All pupils are also reading in school both individually and in groups, but we encourage all children to read at home at least 3 times a week, the older children especially can access Oxford Reading buddy where there are thousands of books to read online.

As always, we appreciate all of you support and prayers during this difficult time.

Best wishes,

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Mrs A. Thorpe
Headteacher

