

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and I hope that you all had a lovely half-term break, the children have all come in smiling and happy, it was wonderful to have 99.5% attendance on the first day back! Thank you all so much for all of your continued support and good wishes.

New National Lockdown

Due to the recent Government announcement and the new stricter national lockdown due to start on 5th November, all the COVID-19 secure procedures, in School will continue. There will be no change to the current start and finish times. We had hoped to reduce the time between bubbles entering and leaving School, however with the national guidance saying that social distancing and minimising any contact of any sort, it means we will continue with the 10-minute slots between bubbles.

Mask wearing

Nevertheless, we are of course always here to help, so if you need to speak to a member of staff within school please telephone the office and they will pass a message onto the teaching staff. We also ask that you wear a mask if you approach a staff member to speak to them outside. We appreciate all your support and help in this matter.

Parents consultations

Over the course of this week, your child's class teacher will ring you at a pre-booked time to have a meeting with you about your child. You can access your booking using the password you were given before half term via stjosephsprimaryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk. Please do not hesitate to contact the office and Mrs Cowan will help you book in over the phone.

First Holy Communion

Unfortunately, these have had to be postponed due to the latest government guidance. Please see the separate Year 5 letter.

Hot School Meals

We have reviewed the current meal offer in school and will be in a position to offer hot school meals for KS1 children (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) from Monday 9th November. Please note that children have a 30-minute time slot in which to eat their meal as the hall will need to be cleaned between each bubble. If your child is on packed lunch and have fruit left over they will be allowed to take this outside, however we cannot allow children to take any hot food outside. Sandwich options will continue to be available for children in KS2,



but unfortunately, we cannot yet offer them hot meals due to the difficulties in transporting food around school. Once the new menu is uploaded to Parent Pay a text message will be sent out to all parents so meals can be booked in advance. Please note that meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are free. Any children who attend nursery full time and require a school meal there will be a charge of £2.10 per day.

Christmas Lunch

All children will be offered a Christmas Lunch in December. This will have to be done over a number of days to ensure that we keep all of our bubbles. Further information will be sent out shortly.

Nursery Children

Welcome to all of our new nursery children and their families.

As always, we appreciate all of your support and keep all of our school and parish community in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,

A D Thorpe

Mrs A D Thorpe
Headteacher

