

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Well here we are at the end of another academic year, all be it a bit different than previous years due to COVID 19. Governors and I wish to thank all parents/carers for your patience, understanding and very positive support during this difficult time. The children that have been in school during this time have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we look forward to welcoming all of our children, old and new, back to school in September.

## Update September Opening

It is anticipated that school will be re-opening to all pupils on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September with staggered start times and different entrances. Further details on start times and entrances will be sent out via a letter posted on the school website to parents/carers during the last week of August. Unfortunately, it cannot be earlier as there is further guidance scheduled to be published by the Government in the middle of August.

Following current advice and guidance from Government and Local Authority it is anticipated that as a minimum the following will happen in September:

- Children must wear full uniform from September. A copy of the uniform policy is available on our website <http://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/?s=uniform>.
- No bags/pencil cases of any kind are to be brought into school. Children will be supplied with their own personal equipment to be used in school
- All children will wash their hands regularly throughout the school day and the importance of hand hygiene will be re-enforced regularly.
- Children **cannot** bring their own soap into school however, if your child needs to regularly apply hand cream an "Over the Counter" medication form, which can be found on our website, <http://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-policies/> needs to be completed and handed to the class teacher along with the cream. All cream must be labelled with your child's name and year group. Children **must not** share cream with other pupils
- Taylor Shaw will be providing packed lunches for the first term – however if your child requires a school packed lunch this **must be ordered via Parent Pay**. Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and those entitled to Free School Meals will receive this free of charge. Pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 who are not entitled to free school meals will be charged £2.10 per day



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- If children are bringing their own packed lunch to school this must be in a disposable plastic/paper bag which will be thrown away at the end of lunchtime – no packed lunch bags/boxes are to be allowed in school
- Children must bring a water bottle to school every day, this can be reusable. This will be wiped with an antibacterial wipe at the beginning and end of the school day. Water bottles will be sent home each day for them to be cleaned thoroughly.
- NO parents/carers will be allowed on the school premises unless they have a pre-booked appointment with a member of staff. Appointments can be made by telephoning the school office
- Children's mobile phones should **only** be brought into school if your child is walking to and from school on their own. A letter must be sent into school advising that your child will be walking to and from school on their own and that they understand how to adhere to the social distancing measures.
- All payments to school **must be made via our Parent Pay system** – no cash will be accepted in school. Can you please ensure that any current balances have been settled by the end of this term?
- The new pupils who start school in September 2020 will be sent home their Parentpay log in details the first week in September
- The Behaviour Policy has been updated in line with COVID-19 rules and will be strictly adhered to – a copy can be found on the school website <http://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-policies/>
- Places at Breakfast Club must be booked in advance by sending an email to [stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net)

## **Free School Meals**

Vouchers have been pre-booked via Edenred for the summer. Each eligible child will receive a voucher via the nominated email for £30 on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 29<sup>th</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> August after which there will be **NO MORE** Free School Meal Vouchers issued to parents as children are expected to be in school and therefore they will qualify for their Free School Meal at lunchtime.

## **Feeding Families Charity**

Over the last few months, we have worked closely with a local charity called 'Feeding Families' and they have generously donated over 150 boxes of food parcels to school for us to deliver out to our families. We so appreciate all their support and donations, if you would like to support them or find out more about them you can find them online at <https://feedingfamilies.org.uk/our-mission> There will be another 70+ boxes available to families to collect on a first come first served basis from 10am – 11:30am on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, when they're gone they're gone! Please feel free to come down the cemetery path and ring the door bell, however please ensure you maintain social distancing if there is a group waiting.



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## Councillor Joyce Charlton

We have also been incredibly fortunate to receive a huge donation of over 50 summer art and food packs for our children. We have managed to give these out to lots of our families and the children have been really excited to receive their parcels. A huge thank you to Councillor Joyce Charlton for her ongoing support for all of our families and children.

## COVID-19

Please ensure you all follow the government guidance to keep safe. There has been an updated guidance letter, dated 13/07/2020, posted on the school website from Durham County with the most up to date guidance.

## End of year reports

These were posted out to families last Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, we are aware that the post is taking some time to arrive and some families have only just received them.

## Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 pupils have not had the same leaving experience as usual however they are a wonderful shining example of what we at St Joseph's want to send out into the world. We are extremely proud of them all and know that they will go out and make a great success of themselves celebrating all of their God given gifts and talents in whatever way they choose to do. We wish them every success and God's blessings on their move to Secondary School.

The governors and I would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming all children back on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

*A D Thorpe*

Mrs A. D. Thorpe  
Headteacher

