



ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Dear Parents,**

A busy week in school. The rain on Wednesday and Thursday certainly caused a few issues! Lots of pictures of the local area under water. Thank goodness, it seems to have drained away. Thank you to those staff who had quite a battle in getting in yesterday with some quite lengthy detours!



**Lockdown**

We are all having to get used to the restrictions currently in place. School systems to ensure safety in school are still in place. I strongly advise the wearing of a face covering when on the school site and ask that you maintain a social distance at all times.

**The School Day**

As numbers are much reduced, the school gates will be open from 8.35-8.45am each morning and children from all classes should be collected between 3.00 and 3.10pm.

Gates will be locked outside of these times.

**Extended Provision**

Breakfast club is open from 7.30am so please make sure you make use of this if it supports your working pattern. From Monday to Thursday school will be open until 4.30pm each day. Children will be able to draw, use a computer, watch programmes etc. in this time rather than us having sports coaches in so there will not be a charge for this.

Extended provision should be booked via Parent Pay.

**Numbers in school**

We all have a duty to try to reduce the transmission of COVID and this can only be achieved if we only have pupils in school where absolutely necessary. If you have not already informed us of your working pattern or it is irregular, please be aware that you need to book a place by Friday lunchtime for the following week. Children will not be allowed in school if a place has not been pre- booked.

*Christ be our light, in life, love and learning*

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### Little Joeys and FS1

School nurseries are expected to open to children and we are now be open to our youngest children from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. All parents have been contacted and arrangements have been made in school so that this reopening can be done as safely as possible. Morning sessions for Little Joeys and FS1 will start between 8.50 and 9.00am and finish at 11.35am. Children should be dropped off and collected from the EYFS gate.

Afternoon children should arrive at the EYFS gate for 12.15pm and be picked up between 3.00 and 3.10pm using the side gate and following the established one way system.

We are looking forward to seeing the children on Monday.

### Remote Learning

There was an additional letter last week explaining remote learning. Please see the COVID-19 page on our website for additional information.

Don't forget we are able to support with any computing issues so just let us know and we will do our best to help you. I am delighted with how well the children are engaging and can only thank you for your support.

### Remote Learning Consent

NPCAT have updated its Remote Learning Policy and because of this there is an updated consent. This can easily be signed up to by logging into our Parent Portal. The existing consent is valid until 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### Arbor

Please check your emails for information how to access the new parent portal used now in NPCAT schools - Arbor. Please read the guide carefully so you can set up your account- <https://t.co/6LkL1q28Y1?amp=1>

**PARENT PORTAL FROM ARBOR**

- CHILD PROFILE
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Download the app or visit <https://saint-josephs-primary.uk.arbor.sc?/home-ui/index>

### Stars of the Week

Teachers have awarded certificates this week to children who have worked really hard with their number work and from Y2, those who have spent time on Times Tables Rockstars. Well done to you all! We are really impressed by how much time children are spending at home improving their tables. Keep it up!



<b>Little Joeys</b>	Amelia
<b>FS1</b>	Pippa and Annie
<b>FS2</b>	Henry and Kaiden
<b>Y1</b>	Charlotte and Alexis
<b>Y2</b>	Isaac and Gracie
<b>Y3</b>	Ellie and Benjamin
<b>Y4</b>	Oliver and Pippa
<b>Y5</b>	Archie and Holly
<b>Y6</b>	Ella and Luke

### Leaver's Hoodies

We are ordering our Y6 leaver's hoodies a little earlier this year so that the children can wear them a little more. These can be ordered via Parent Pay from early next week.



**A Reminder**

If you need additional exercise books please let us know and we can have them ready for collection for you.

**Prayer**

During this pandemic we pray  
for all who are sick,  
for all who care for them,  
for all who have died and  
for all who mourn.  
Amen



**Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs A G Toward  
Head teacher**