



ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a very busy week it has been here at St Joseph's as we come to the end of our first full week back at school this term.

I would like to start by saying how delighted we have all been with the start that the children have made. They have already shown great determination to succeed and an eagerness to learn in lessons. It has been lovely to return to more 'normal' school activities and in particular school collective worships. These have been a joy as has a return to singing as a full school.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. Please now take the time to check through the following reminders.

### **COVID 19**

Unfortunately the virus is still very present in our school community. Although as a school our response has now changed and we no longer have to close class bubbles if we have a case, we do still need to be vigilant. We have already had a positive case in the school since the summer break.

The same rules apply regarding reporting cases to school. If a child has symptoms please make sure that you arrange for a PCR Test as soon as possible. If a child develops symptoms at school we will ask you to come and collect your child straightaway and arrange for a PCR Test. If the result of the PCR test is negative then the child can return to school, unless they are too poorly to attend.

What is now different are the rules for households. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

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Instead, NHS Test and Trace will inform affected individuals, children or their parents or carers that they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advise them to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

For further clarification then please check the DFE website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

### **P.E. Kits**

Please can I remind you all that P.E. lessons have restarted. If children could bring P.E. kits into school on a Monday they are ready for P.E. sessions for the week. We will then ask all children to take P.E. kits home on a Friday to be washed and ready for the following week.

### **Swimming**

We are thrilled that swimming sessions are restarting next week for the Y4 class. A separate letter has been sent out to the children involved.

### **After School Clubs:**

Another back to normal routine restarts next week with the return of After School Clubs. We have the following clubs on offer for the next 6 weeks for children from FS2 to Year 6:

Monday – Football

Tuesday – Netball (Only Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)

Wednesday – Art and Crafts

Thursday – Multi sports

Friday – NPCAT Sport

Clubs need to be booked via Parent Pay in advance. To ensure that clubs can run smoothly we ask you to sign up for a block of sessions, the cost of each club is £9 for the 6 weeks.

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### **School Trips:**

Y6 will be visiting the Ironstone Museum on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. A separate letter has been sent to the Y6 class.

### **Medical Reminder:**

As stated in a previous letter can all families be vigilant when notifying the school if your child contracts measles, chicken pox or shingles. This is very important so we can advise parents any appropriate actions can then be taken.

### **Packed Lunches:**

Every day that I am in St Joseph's I try and make sure that I help in the lunch hall. As A Healthy School, we aim to promote healthy eating. Please don't send sweets or too many treats in the packed lunch box. We still have children attending the school with nut allergies so don't send anything that has nuts in please.

### **Curriculum Newsletters:**

Class teachers will send these home next Friday. You can find out exactly what your children will be learning this term.

### **Term Planner:**

Being new to the school I thank you for your understanding and patience whilst I get to grips with everything that happens at this brilliant school. It is our intention to send out the planner for the term soon so watch this space.....

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### **Stars of the Week:**

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked in their early PSHE work and settling in well into school routines.

- FS2 Annie D & Charlie S
- Y1 Gabby S & Cimmera B
- Y2 Abigail W & James V
- Y3 Emilie & Oscar W
- Y4 Evan W & Eva D
- Y5 Pippa S & Harriet A
- Y6 – Quinn H and Rowan A

Thank you for such a warm welcome and have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Geaves  
Executive Head Teacher

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