



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I think that it is fair to say that the children are certainly back in to the swing of things now. Today also sees Y6 on a school trip which is brilliant as we can start to do more 'normal' school based activities.

A shorter newsletter this week as all the class teachers have completed curriculum newsletters for you to read on the school website.

Please can I remind parents that medical /dental appointments should be taken outside of school hours when possible. If this is not possible we will ask for a copy of the appointment for our own records.

COVID 19

Can I take this opportunity to remind you all of the COVID regulations at school. 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

We have decided to change the way that children get ready for P.E. Instead of bringing their PE kit into school and changing at their allotted time we will now revert back to the conditions we had last year. **This means that children can wear their PE Kit on the days they complete PE all day.** This avoids time being wasted on changing and lost school uniform and P.E. Kit.

Please see list below that details when each class has P.E.

- FS1/Little Joeys- Do not change for PE.
- FS2- Tuesday
- Y1- Monday & Friday
- Y2 Monday & Friday
- Y3- Wednesday & Thursday
- Y4- Wednesday & Friday
- Y5- Tuesday & Thursday
- Y6- Tuesday & Thursday

Swimming

Sessions have started back brilliantly and it is lovely to hear how much the children enjoyed swimming this week.

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

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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.

Packed Lunches:

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.

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked in well on handwriting & presentation.

- Little Joeys- Parker
- FS1-Rosie & Etienne
- FS2-Harry & Frankie
- Y1- Lewis & Ciara
- Y2- Vinnie & Jack
- Y3- Orlaith & Lucy
- Y4- Logan & Jolie
- Y5- Diwai & Chloe
- Y6 – Lucian & Pollyanna

Thank you and have a great weekend.

Mr Geaves

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