



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

March Opening

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you for all the continued support you have given throughout the last year. This time last year I don't think anyone could have imagined what we would have to face. The last year has been like no other but as a school family we have remained strong, we have supported each other, we have shared and celebrated achievements and we will continue to do so.

I would like to thank you for your continued support, determination and resilience with home schooling. Remote learning and live lessons have provided a new form of learning but it has also required the development of new skills for many. We know how difficult it is to manage home-schooling with family/ work commitments. We also thank our pupils. The challenge of being away from their friends and having to develop skills to equip them with remote learning has not gone unnoticed.

Without your help and support St. Joseph's would not be the school it is.

Once again, we set our sights on the full opening of schools on March 8th.

Thankfully our children all adapted amazingly well to the new measures that were put in place in the autumn term. This helped us to effectively manage the risks that remained. These measures will continue to be applied for at least the coming weeks. This letter is a reminder of some of the changes and protective measures we have in place and what you will need to continue to do to help ensure we can be as safe as possible for everyone.

Please read the following carefully so you understand the measures and expectations in place to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff.

Attendance

From Monday March 8th, school attendance will be mandatory. This means that the legal duty on parents of children of compulsory school age will apply. It is vital that children return to school as quickly as possible for their educational progress, wellbeing and wider development.

Where shielding advice remains in place for your child, it is important that you communicate this information to Mrs Fovargue or Mrs Nolan so we can ensure appropriate measures are

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put in place to support your child. We would ask for evidence from your child's doctor or other medical professional, to support this requirement. The same support may be considered where a child is self-isolating with symptoms.

It is the expectation that parents will avoid a holiday in term-time as this will cause further disruption to their child's education. Holidays in term-time must be in writing to the Headteacher using the appropriate form and providing details of the destination to be visited. A request will only be agreed where it is satisfied there is an exceptional circumstance that is in accordance with the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust policy. Legal powers to enforce attendance will be used where a child misses school without a valid reason and the absence is unauthorised.

Precautions

We will continue to take precautions in line with DFE guidance such as:

- ensuring everyone at the school cleans their hands more often than usual
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often
- minimising contact and maintaining distance where possible

You must not send your child to school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or if you have someone in your household who does. We would ask parents and carers to support us by engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified and action taken - this means if your child develops symptoms, you should arrange for them to get a test and you should inform us of the results of that test.

Operational guidance

Arriving and leaving school arrangements.

As a school we will continue to social distance wherever possible. Therefore, parents **CANNOT** gather at entrance gates or doors, or enter the school building without pre-arranged consent or appointments.

We ask that all adults **follow the one way system** of entering through a pedestrian gate and leaving up the main drive following the arrows on the ground.

We ask that all adults wear masks whilst on the school premises.

The playground will be opened and then people will have to socially distance. Parents will be assigned a drop off and pick up time for their child; any parent with children across different

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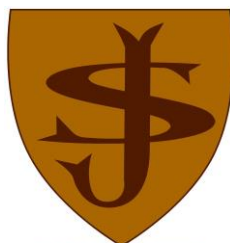
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key stages are asked to stand around the perimeter of the school fence and to respect social distancing. Please do not arrive after your child's allocated collection time as these have been carefully planned to minimise the number of people in the school playground at any time. If you are collecting pupils with different finishing times please collect the younger child within the allocated time first and wait around the playground perimeter fence. Please do not allow younger children to run freely around the playground. Any parent arriving late should ring the school office and not enter the school grounds. Only **ONE parent/adult** should drop and collect their child. Toddlers should remain in their pushchairs and not be allowed to roam. Please leave the school promptly and do not linger to talk to others.

Entry and Exit points will be clearly marked.

	Entry/ Exit point	Arrival	Home time
Year 1 Miss Dolan	Red gate/ Year 1 classroom door Door 1	8.35-8.55am	2.40 pm-2.50pm
Year 1 Mrs Carr	Red gate/ After school club door Door 2	8.35-8.55am	2.40 pm - 2.50pm
Year 2 Mr Bartley and Mrs Berkeley	Red gate/ KS1 door Door 3	8.35-8.55am	2.40 pm - 2.50pm
Year 3- Mrs Boyne-Cross	KS2 Door. Door B	8.30 - 8.55am	Mrs Boyne-Cross 2.45 -2.55pm
Year 3 / 4 Mrs Czupun	Year 3/ 4 classroom door. Door C	8.30 - 8.55am	2.45 -2.55pm
Year 4 / 5 Mr Dolan	Year 4/ 5 door. Door A	8.30 - 8.55am	2.45 -2.55pm
Year 5 Miss Moores	KS2 Door. Door B	8.30 - 8.55am	2.50 -3.00pm
Year 6 Mrs Turner and Mrs Moody	KS2 Door. Door B	8.30 - 8.55am	2.50 -3.00pm
Nursery	EYFS Garden gate	8.30 am 12.15pm	11.15-11.30am 3.00pm -3.15pm
Reception	EYFS Garden gate	8.40 – 8.55am	2.45- 2.55pm

At drop off time parents are asked to come into the playground with their child and leave as soon as their child is safely in the school building or waiting in line where a staff member is present. At home time parents are asked to wait at a safe distance from the exit points. Please do not approach the exit or call your child by name before they are instructed to leave by an adult. This is to ensure the safe handover to parents. Parents are asked to leave the school grounds immediately following the arrows and one way system.

Sanitising and Hygiene

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All pupils and visitors will sanitise their hands when they enter/ leave the school building. Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands with antibacterial soap regularly throughout the day.

Movement around the school site.

Pupils will move around school in an orderly manner respecting the social distancing rules at all times. Staff and children will walk along the right-hand side of the corridor and move quickly past others. Pupils will be encouraged not to touch walls, displays or school equipment as they pass.

Classroom layout.

Classrooms may be set out slightly differently with pupils being seated in rows if age appropriate. Pupils will keep their water bottle at their table and will be provided with all the resources needed to reduce the need to move around the classroom. Please do not send large school bags into school. School book bags are allowed as they can be stored in a large box.

PE

PE kits must not be brought into school. Pupils will be told what day their PE is and will come to school that day in their school PE kits. PE will take place outside as much as possible so please ensure that your child comes to school with blue/ black shorts and a white t-shirt with a track suit over the top and trainers suitable for going outside. Please ensure that it is a school PE kit that is worn.

PE Days

Monday: EYFS and Year 4/5
Tuesday: Year 3 and Year 3/4
Wednesday: Year 5 and Year 6
Friday: Year 1 and Year 2

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is in full clearly labelled school uniform at all times including black shoes. School jumpers, cardigans and ties are available from Ross's as usual. Earrings and nail varnish are not allowed to be worn in school. Children will be asked to remove them. Summer uniform can be worn from April 19th.

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Catering arrangements

The school kitchen is fully operating and provision for all pupils requiring meals is in place.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be available from 7.30 every day. However, numbers will be limited to ensure social distancing can take place. If you require Breakfast Club provision please ring school as soon as possible to reserve a place. Payment will be via Parent Pay.

Daily charge	£3.50
Mon – Friday	£15.00
2 siblings daily charge	£6.00
2 siblings Mon – Friday weekly charge	£27.50

After School Club

After School Club will be available every afternoon until 5.30pm.

- The provision will be held in the ICT suite along the main school corridor.
- Children will be collected from the KS2 door.
- Children will be provided with a cold snack and a drink.
- There will be limited access to outside activities.

The 2020/ 2021 costs are as follows:

3.00-4.15pm	£6.00
3.00 – 5.30pm	£9.00 (second child in family £8.00)
3.00- 5.30pm every night Monday to Friday	£40.00

Payment must be at least a week in advance and via Parent Pay. Any child who has not paid will not be allowed to attend. If you require a password for Parent Pay please contact the school office.

If you would like to reserve a place at After School Club please email enquiries@stjosephscp.npcat.org.uk stating which dates and times you would like up until the Easter break and your child's name or alternatively ring the school office.

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After School Sports Clubs will resume after the Easter break.

Curriculum

We will continue to provide an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects in order to support the needs of our pupils and address the gaps as a result of the pandemic. We would be very grateful if you could return any school exercise books with completed work in. These will be stored in school and then issued should a bubble collapse to allow online learning to resume.

And finally,

Thank you for your support, patience and understanding during these challenging times. We are excited to welcome all the children back and hope and pray that we are starting on our road to recovery and that the children will be able to experience some aspects of normality by the end of the academic year. Please be reminded that our expectations remain the same for all pupils and we look forward to welcoming them back and moving forward immediately with their learning.

At St. Joseph's school all our work is based on a shared vision that every child is a unique individual created in the image of God, bringing a multitude of gifts and talents to our school. As we celebrate the year of St. Joseph our school values have never been more relevant and important to us. We look forward to seeing the values of patience, love, caring, hard working and being reliable in all our pupils and celebrating them together as a school.

Stay Safe

Mrs King



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