



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Don't worry about your life God has it and the whole universe under control.

It has always been my philosophy to have a sustained phased return to school. It is due to the dedication and commitment of my wonderful staff that we have come this far. September now looms and I have to make a clear decision to do what is best for our school community as we come back together to begin the new academic year 2020-2021. We will never forget this year that is for sure but what we can do is learn and grow from it and dwell on the positives no matter how difficult that may seem at times. This letter is a detailed plan of what September will look like as long as the situation remains as it is. You can be assured that any changes will be communicated via the website.

For the first two days, Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September the children will return in groups A and B using the model we have had in place for the phased return from 1st June; **A's on Thursday and B's on Friday**. On the days that your child is at home there will be targeted home learning for them which will be followed up in class. I firmly believe that this is the best way to start our year. With staggered lunchtimes and breaktimes, there is a lot of organisation and risk assessment that needs to happen to ensure that we are operating in the safest way we can at this time. By beginning in this gradual way, we will enable teachers to spend time with their class in a small group for a day, enabling important nurture to take place after such a long period away. **You will receive a text next week confirming your child's September group for the first two days.** If you do not receive this by next Thursday then please contact the school office.

From Monday 7th September we will welcome all children back into school.

For your information:

From September, times and entrance points as follows:

Front Gate:

Start Time:	End Time
8:30am Year Six and Year Five	2:45pm
8:40am Year Three	2:55pm
8:50am Year Four	3:15pm
9:00am Pre School	3:15pm





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Back Gate:

Start Time:	End Time
8:40am Year Two	2:55pm
8:50am Year One	3:00pm
9:00am Reception	3:15pm

This current situation has influenced the start and end times of the day and due to the current government guidelines, this must be maintained. We have been evaluating the effectiveness of this during lockdown and we foresee that this will alleviate the current issue with parking and help you as a parent to drop off and pick up safely.

Please do not arrive before your year group start time. The intention is that you walk your children into school to the gate and then leave them and walk out. **No parents will be allowed into either playground.** Guidance specifically states that gathering at the school gates and coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed. **Parents will drop off and pick up at the gate.**

Children will be met by their teacher, will line up, socially distanced with their group and taken into class. Signs will be on the pedestrian gates as necessary; the main front gates will be closed. Guidance states that we have to adhere to these measures, therefore I need you to work with us as a school. Safety is always paramount and I will continue to ensure that we keep children, staff and yourselves safe. Mrs Jackson, Mrs McDonagh and myself will be there to help you.

Further requirements:

- No rucksacks to be brought into school; school book bags will be used by all children to avoid unnecessary congestion in the cloakrooms. **Book bags can be purchased from School Togs at a cost of £5**
- Please leave PE bags at home at present. You will be informed of how we will deliver this as changing in school is not an option at present.
- Packed lunches can be brought in a lunchbox with cool pack to keep lunches cold
- If you know that you have lunch credits then please can you email Tina on catering@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk to find out how many you have. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals then a lunch will be provided for them.
- Only cold lunches will be served until further notice
- No tuck shop will be available at this time.

A further reminder to you is to ensure that we have the correct and most up to date contact details in school should we need to get hold of you. Should your child feel unwell in any way then they will be sent home immediately. Please do not send your child into school if they feel under the weather in any way and report their absence to the school office in the normal way.

After speaking with Sunflowers, wrap around care at present, is something that seems impossible under the current guidelines. Sunflowers will not be offering breakfast club but to help assess the need for after school provision, could you please inform the school via email or telephone if you are interested in accessing this. The form that it may take, will be very different to previous and I need to make it very clear that, with Sunflowers, we





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will carry out the necessary risk assessments should the need be there. I need to make it very clear that this will not be guaranteed from the beginning of term.

I am happy to clarify any of this to you on Friday via Zoom – a link will have been sent to you today so should anyone want to join me on Friday 17th July at 10.30am, you will be most welcome.

Following the success of the Q&A Zoom meetings that have taken place, I am proposing to offer from September, a Friday Q&A with myself fortnightly as we move through and hopefully out of this situation. I will confirm this in September.

Reports

A reminder to you about school reports. Class teachers need to have an email, clearly stating the name of the child, to enable them to send your child's report to you. If you have not used the class email during lockdown then you **MUST** email the class teacher to enable the report to be sent. Reception parents, your report will be sent via Tapestry.

This has been the strangest of years and one that we will never forget. It just leaves me to thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do for your children. Let's pray that we will all have a safe summer and come back together in September ready to go again!

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

