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Dear Parents

'May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears'

As you are all fully aware, the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday stated that all primary school children will be able to return to school on Monday 8th March 2021. This is such good news for us here at St Joseph's and we all look forward to welcoming your children back. This also means a return to our Breakfast Club and Sunflowers After School Provision.

School attendance will be compulsory for all pupils. We will expect to see all children in school on 8th and will operate the same approach towards attendance as we have always done. Any absence should be reported and if due to COVID-19 symptoms, the isolation rule will still apply. Please refer to the school or Government websites if unsure.

As a school, our staff will be continuing with the Lateral Flow Testing programme, testing twice a week to ensure that any asymptomatic people who might otherwise continue to attend educational settings are identified and self-isolate. All risk assessments are being reviewed again to ensure that the highest standards of hygiene and protocol are maintained.

Week Beginning 1st March

This is a week of preparation. All teachers will be prioritising preparation to welcome back their classes. Time is being given to allow for key planning and organisation

Remote learning for this week – Key Messages

Key Stage 1

Live daily 9am register and story time in KS1 will continue.

Live daily 9am register in EYFS will continue.

Live 1:1 reading, group reading and teaching sessions with children remotely will not take place this week.

Basic feedback to be given on work completed. Many next steps will now be able to be followed up when the children are in school.

Key Stage 2

Overall there will be less live teaching.

Years 5 and 6 will not be doing any recorded lessons and will only be doing maths lessons live each day.





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For Years 3 and 4 morning registration will remain.

Teachers will be on Teams to support the children but they will not be live.

All work will be marked, however feedback will not be as detailed but teachers will be able to follow this up directly with your children from 8th March.

Live 1:1 and guided reading will not be taking place.

Your teachers will keep you updated via Tapestry, Teams and the website. You can also contact them via the class email.

The invites for my two zoom meeting opportunities will be sent out today. I hope that more will be able to join either meeting.

Week beginning 8th March

Key messages for you as parents: Please do read them all carefully

- Staggered start and end times will remain in place and parents will not be allowed on site.

Reminders of times:

Reception : 8:50am – 3:00pm – **NOTE AMENDED TIMES**
Year 1 : 8:45am – 2:55pm
Year 2 : 8:40am – 2:50pm
Year 3 and 4: 8:40am - 2:50pm
Year 5 and 6: 8:30am - 2:45pm

- We have to insist on the wearing of face coverings when dropping off and picking up your children. We are not out of the woods yet and must adhere to the safety protocols from the Government. You will be asked to wear a face covering unless you can prove you are exempt. I have to keep all staff safe and it is for your safety too that we are requesting this at this present time.
- When you drop children off or collect, it is essential that you leave promptly and not wait around as this causes further congestion, which we must continue to avoid.
- No rucksacks please. Children's bags must be able to fit into their trays.
- Those of you who have borrowed devices from school, please could you return them on 8th March.
- Catering: Due to the ongoing stringent guidelines, when school returns on 8th March, lunches will be provided for KS1 pupils only. Key stage 2 pupils will need to bring a packed lunch until week beginning 22nd March when their





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new cold service menu will be released. Those children in Key stage 2 who are entitled to a meal will receive a packed lunch each day.

- Children will still be expected to come to school in their PE kit on PE days. They MUST be in correct school PE kit which is listed below. If you have any problems with this then do contact the school office. Branded sportswear will NOT be accepted. Please see school website for correct uniform: <https://www.stjosephsworcester.co.uk/parents/uniform>
- Staggered starts and end of the day will remain. A reminder that the start of the day is the start of learning time. Arriving after this time means learning is missed and for your child the start of the day is disrupted. This became quite noticeable in Years 5 and 6 before Christmas.
- We have lent out reading books to children over both lockdowns and many have not been returned. Please can you send in any school books with your child when they return on 8th March. Thank you

I will be communicating further information to you over the course of next week. If you have any questions or concerns about the contents of this letter, please email or telephone the school office.

The revised Risk Assessment will be on the website by the end of next week and any further measures that come from the Government I will share with you as necessary.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. I look forward to St Joseph's being back as a complete family and assure you that we will continue to provide a safe, secure and positive learning environment for your children.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

