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Dear Parents

'Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending'

This week marks the next phase in our phased reopening of schools. I continue to be proud of what we are achieving here at St Joseph's. Huge thanks to the Year 1 parents who joined me on zoom on Friday. Your children came in sensibly and have done you proud. The Key Worker children are continuing to adapt to the changing developments. Thank you to those parents too for their support.

A couple of important messages:

Packed lunches from home: could all children who are in school, and bring a packed lunch from home, please bring it in a named disposable bag. Due to no milk delivery we have the capacity to store lunches in a labelled tray in the fridge. The fridge is cleaned daily as part of our hygiene routine.

Reporting Absence: If your child is expected to be attending school and is unwell / unable to attend, could you please report the absence in the normal way by telephoning the office or via the website.

At present I don't know what September in school will be like or whether anymore year groups will be back this term. The challenges in the Government guidance at present are making it hard to imagine how I can safely bring all year groups back. Please be assured that I will inform you as soon as I know more and please continue to liaise with your class teacher through the email system. Mrs McDonagh and Mrs Eaborn are also available, contact details are on the website. Any problems the school office is open daily so do just give us a call or email if you need anything.

Looking forward now to the new academic year, I feel it necessary to inform you of the staffing for September. Firstly, some wonderful news to share is that Mr Oates has been appointed as our newest member of the teaching team here at St Joseph's. Huge congratulations go to him; I am both pleased and proud to have him on board and I am sure that you will agree. Mr Oates will be teaching Year 2 Oak from September. We are officially now 2 form entry throughout and no longer a growing school but a school that has grown!!

Below is the plan for your information, showing the class teacher and the class that they will receive.

Mrs Mills and Miss Haines will remain our Reception Teachers for Oak and Pear respectively.

Year 1 Oak Miss Farmer will be teaching current Reception Oak

Year 1 Pear Miss Dean will be teaching current Reception Pear

Year 2 Oak Mr Oates will be teaching current Year 1 Pear

Year 2 Pear Mrs Atkinson will be teaching current Year 1 Oak





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Year 3 Oak Mrs Nickless will be teaching current Year 2 Pear

Year 3 Pear Miss Malpass will be teaching current Year 2 Oak

Year 4 Oak Mr Kane will be teaching current Year 3 Oak

Year 4 Pear Mrs Boswell will be teaching current Year 3 Pear

Year 5 Oak Mr Bowring will be teaching current Year 4 Oak

Year 5 Pear Mrs Masters will be teaching current Year 4 Pear

Year 6 Oak Mrs Hackley will be teaching current Year 5 Oak

Year 6 Pear Miss Annese will be teaching current Year 5 Pear

This week we are now beginning the implementation of bringing back Reception and pre-school from 15th June. Parents in Reception and pre-school will receive communication from tomorrow and throughout the week via either text, email or tapestry. Please also keep an eye on the website where all information is stored for you to access. Like with Year 1 and 6, there will be opportunity for Reception and pre-school parents to ask me questions about any issues they are concerned about via zoom this Friday. The invitation will be sent to you in due course.

On a final note Father Amal has informed me that from 15th June the church will be open for personal prayer. When I know any further detail as to times, I will let you know.

Again I can only continue to thank you for all that you have and are doing for your children at this time. Our strength as a community will see us through. Remember there is a lot of information on the website to help you.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

