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Dear Parents & Carers

'A New Year is God's gift. Enjoy the faithful blessings he so delights in giving'

I do hope you managed to spend some quality time with family and friends and had a peaceful, blessed and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We are continuing to follow the government guidance and are working to do everything we can to ensure that all of our children and staff are supported and remain safe in school. The Government is clear on the critical importance of not disrupting the education of children and young people and they will prioritise keeping all education and childcare settings open. School attendance remains mandatory and enabling children and young people to attend their education setting regularly continues to be a national priority.

It is your duty to ensure that your child attends school. **It is also vital that your child is on time.** The start times remain as they were last term and learning begins when the day begins for each year group. Therefore, if your child is late then they will miss the start of the day and this will impact on them. It is our responsibility by law to monitor attendance and this includes late marks too. We will continue to follow up lateness and absence but also provide essential support where it is needed for you and your child. If you have any worries or concerns, talk to us, we are here to help.

Here is a further reminder of the start and revised end times to the school day. These were included on the school newsletter at the end of last term:

SCHOOL DAY START AND END TIMES

PRESCHOOL	8:45AM - 3:15PM
RECEPTION	8:50AM –3:05PM
YEAR 1	8:45AM –3:00PM
YEAR 2	8:40AM –2:55PM
YEAR 3 & 4	8:40AM –2:55PM
YEAR 5 & 6	8:30AM –2:45PM

COVID - 19

Since Wednesday 22nd December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Further reminders...





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1. Children **must not** come into school if they:

- Have COVID -19 symptoms
- Have had a positive test result via a PCR test or a Lateral Flow test. Any child who has a positive lateral flow test should book a PCR test immediately. A negative PCR test will override a positive lateral flow test and the child can return to school. They must remain off whilst awaiting the result.
- Have been instructed to quarantine because of travelling from specified countries.

2. If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be asked to go home and follow public health advice.

3. Any child who is identified as a close contact with a positive case will be able to continue to attend school.

4. Please note that the school can refuse to allow a pupil to attend if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Any decision will be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice.

A reminder for you: Virtual Parents Evenings will be held on 17th and 19th January 2022. Bookings will be open from 4:00pm on Monday 10th January. If your child is on the SEN register, please liaise with your class teacher as you are entitled to an additional ten minutes in line with the SEN code of practice.

Please visit <https://stjosephscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. See link below for user guide.

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

Again, I thank you for your support with everything. Please be assured that as a school, we will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you updated. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me. My Zoom meetings will resume this term; the first one being Friday 14th January 2022 at 10am. Invites will be sent in the usual way.

Yours in faith and partnership

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