



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of term 6, albeit very different to what we would like or expect, we must make the best of these different times. Over the past 3 weeks we have been working hard to ensure the school is able to accept more children in the safest and most cautious way, for the year groups set out by the government. The letter sent out before the half term break clearly sets out what the phased return would look like.

Whether your child is coming back as part of the phased return or not, I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify that the planned lessons set in school will be the same as what they will continue to set for the home learning, therefore your child would not be at a disadvantage if you have chosen to keep your child at home. Clearly the teachers will not be able to have the same level of contact that they had last term, as they are now required to be in school. Teachers will now only have Wednesday afternoons available to them to make contact as they did before. In this time they will focus on making contact via Zoom / calls with those children that have not been in school. It is important to us as a school that there is a consistent approach and that every child has access to the same learning opportunities whether in school or at home. If you have any queries with regards to home learning, Wednesday afternoons would be the best time to contact your teacher with regards to the home learning.

We are constantly adapting to new ways of working, so please work with us and Dojo or email if you have any questions. Parents at home, you all continue to bring a smile to my face when I hear of all your creative endeavors and for that I say a huge THANK YOU!! You are doing a great job and I hope you are managing to grab the odd coffee break too!

If you are one of our Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 parents who have made the choice to return on the set times below, can I remind you that your child should **not come into school if they are showing any signs or symptoms of a new persistent cough, temperature**. If we see these at the start of the school day or they develop during the course of the day your

child will be sent home. Your child will then need to have a Covid-19 test, if this returns **positive** the entire bubble, including teachers, MDSA and TAs and any other member of staff who has come into contact with this bubble will also be in isolation for 14 days. As you can see this would be wide ranging and would impact not just your child but the whole 'bubble' so **please do not send you child into school if you suspect or if they have any of the symptoms.**

Start Date	Key Workers 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Start time	8.50-9.00	8.40 – 8.50	9.00-9.10	8.30-8.40
Pick up times	3.10-3.20	3.00-3.10	2.50-3.00	2.40-2.50

As there are many new rules with regards to coming into school we have created a checklist for you to help you remember what is needed in this phased return;

School uniform	Children should wear their usual school uniform with school shoes or PE kit. Clothing needs to be newly washed each day.
What to bring to school	A coat, plastic easy to clean lunchbox or disposable lunch bag, a water bottle and sun hat. Sun cream must be applied before coming to school Children will have a tray in their allocated work space which will include equipment for their sole use. Children must <b>NOT</b> bring equipment from home.
Lunch	Children in YR and Y1 will have a packed lunch prepared by the school (if pre ordered) Packed lunches brought from home must be in a hard sided easy to clean box or completely disposable wrapping.
Drop off	The drop off and collection entrance has been relocated to the black garage doors on Holloway Hill. Only one family member to drop off each child. Please following social distancing rules and safely queue 2 metres apart along the pavement and await your child's turn to enter the gate 2 members of school staff will greet your child. Children will have their temperature checked using an infrared thermometer prior to moving on to the hand sanitiser. Parents are required to leave immediately after their child has had this temperature check. If the temperature is above 38C we will ask you to take your child home. Children will sanitise their hands. Once the entire cohort have arrived through the sanitisation station the members of staff will lead the group up into school. If you arrive late, we will not be able to admit your child once the black gate is shut.
Hand washing / sanitising	General washing of hands will be with water and soap. Each classroom will have access to hand sanitisers.

Cleaning and hygiene	All frequently touched surfaces and equipment will be cleaned at least daily using AS3 Viricidal and Germicidal cleaning agent. Additional cleaning will be carried out though the school day and before eating lunches
Communication with the office/class teachers	Communications should continue though class Dojo, email or by phoning the school office. Parents should not enter the school building to pass on messages.
Movement around the school	Groups will remain within their bubble and not mix with other groups. Children will go to the toilet individually to a specified toilet for their bubble. Areas of the school have been marked with social distancing tape which will act as a permanent reminder for children and staff to retain a 2 metre distance. Children will start each day with a social story reminding them of the social distancing procedures. There will be a one way system though the corridor. Doors will be wedged open to avoid unnecessary touching. Children should not move from their work areas unless instructed by an adult. Social distancing should be adhered.
Illness	<b>Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.</b> If they become unwell whilst at school you will be contacted to collect your child.
Reminders of changed behaviour principles	We have created a Code of Conduct and will use verbal and visual reminders to help children with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing</li> <li>• Coughing, sneezing, disposal of tissues etiquette</li> <li>• Not touching mouth, nose with hands</li> <li>• Not sharing equipment</li> <li>• Instructions on good hygiene</li> </ul> <p>There will be a Home School agreement which you will be asked to sign before your child starts on the first day. Hard copies will be available on the Sanitisation station if you are unable to print at home.</p>
Social Distancing Outside of School	Please remember to adhere to the Social distancing guidelines outside of school to help keep our school community safe.
Going home – Pick up	At the allotted pick up time, parents should safely queue using social distancing rules along the pavement outside the black garage door on Holloway Hill. Children will leave one at a time and in a calm manner. Child and parent then should leave the area immediately.
Home learning	Home learning will continue to be provided should your child not be in school every day. In school we will initially focus on establishing new routines and expectations, re-building relationships and creating a calm environment in which to continue academic leaning.

Please see the Child friendly Code of Conduct attached that you can begin to share with your child in preparation for their return to school.

We miss **all** the children very much, but we must follow the government’s guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we find ourselves continuing to support the home learning, but remember this is an outline of learning and a guide, please continue to do what is best for you and your family’s routine. Our main focus in these difficult times is that

our St Joseph's community stays safe and well, and the children and parents wellbeing is of utmost importance.

We may not all be in the same building, however we are still St Joseph's School in our hearts and minds.

Warm regards and God bless

Mrs Sue Woods

Head Teacher