



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to September 2020! It has been so lovely seeing all the children and families at the start and end of the day. I hope you are well rested and ready for whatever unforeseen circumstances we find ourselves in this year. Whatever that will be, we will be able to face them together as a community, in the positive, supportive way that I know the St Joseph's family will do.

Thank you for taking onboard the new staggered times at the start and end of the day and ensuring that you are on time for your 'class bubble', these routines are new to us all so please work with us as we iron out any issues or timings during the first few weeks. Can I remind you all to be mindful of the main road outside the entrance to the church and remain on pavements at all times. This is to ensure your child's safety as well as your own. It is a busy time at the start of the day with buses and cars coming and going. If you pick-up and drop off at the black garage gates, EYFS and KS1, the house next to the gates are having work carried out on their drive from September 7th to September 21st, please do take care and avoid the driveway when work is being carried out.

I am delighted to inform you that during term 6 I led a staffing restructuring consultation with Governors, staff and unions and we were able to create a new position in the school for an Assistant Headteacher. The main responsibilities will be SEND, Pupil Premium and joining the SLT Senior Leadership Team of St Joseph's of myself and Mrs Anita Druce. This position will not be class based and will ensure that our current class teachers will not be called upon and taken out of class for regular SEND responsibilities. We carried out interviews and I am thrilled to say that Mrs Helen Lever accepted the post 4 days a week. Between now and October Mrs Helen Lever will be working 2 days a week (Thursday and Friday) whilst working her notice in her current school, St Mary's in Bradley Stoke. When she joins she will of course be getting to know the pupils and school. This also means that in my absence, when I am at meetings, Mrs Lever will be assisting with the running of the school. I am sure you will join with me in giving a warm welcome to Mrs Helen Lever when you see her and ensure she is welcomed into the St Joseph's family. These are exciting times for St Joseph's as this is the first time we have been able to ensure the school has a Senior Leadership team with a Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher and School Business Manager.

I have immensely enjoyed welcoming you all back to school and although there are changes to ensure we are all stay safe and well whilst coronavirus is still with us, we will continue to strengthen and grow this wonderful school community.

May each and every one of you and your extended families enjoy the rest of the first week back at school.

Warm regards and God bless

Mrs Sue Woods

Headteacher