



St. Joseph's Primary School and Nursery Unit



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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

We are delighted that all our children from P4 – P7 will be joining us all again on Monday 22nd March. Finally, we will have all our children back in school and be able to get back to routine.

We know that you have made a great effort to support your child's/children's education during this closure and that as parents, have worked very hard to keep life positive. Getting back to a school routine, getting enough sleep, taking physical exercise, eating healthily and being with other children, will help everyone to settle back into school. Take the time now to establish good bedtime routines and getting up earlier.

Arriving to school and Hometime.

These will remain the same as they were before Christmas. Use the same exits and entrances and the same start and finishing times. Please ensure that your child is picked up from school on time.

All parents are expected to check their child's temperature before arriving at school. If a child feels hot on the back or chest or has a temperature of 37.8c or greater they must not be sent to school. If they have any Covid like symptoms they should remain at home. Guidelines have been provided on our website. Parents should contact the school immediately for advice. All pupils must wash their hands before leaving home in the morning. All pupils must be prepared for school and have a clear understanding of Catch it, Bin it, Kill it routines for coughing and sneezing. On arrival to school all pupils will wash/sanitise their hands.

School Uniform

Nursery, P1 and P2 wear their tracksuits.

(P3 –P7) Full school uniform is expected and can be alternated with the PE uniform.

*****Home Learning Packs*****

P4 – P7 children must bring their home learning packs to school on Monday.

Easter Break

The school will now close for Easter on Wednesday 31st March. The 1st of April will be a School Development Day (staff only).

Morning and After Schools Clubs will be considered after a full return and following guidance in relation to managing 'Bubbles'.

Points to remember:

- School gates will not be open until 8:45 am for pupils. The gates will close promptly at 9.05am.

NO EARLY ARRIVALS PERMITTED and DO NOT GATHER OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

- Parents/Carers cannot enter school at any time unless invited/prearranged

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- All P3 – P7 (Mainstream) children are to walk into school on their own from the outer gate
- Parents must socially distance and wear masks when onsite
- All adults should find a safe place to drop their child, away from points of congestion, and allow them to walk to school.
- **Parents/childminders are not allowed to park inside the school gates unless they have made prior arrangements with the Principal to do so**
- Do not send your child to school if they or anyone in their home are displaying any signs of coronavirus
- All pupils must be collected immediately if school phones their contact. Phone numbers must be current and parents should be available to be contacted at all times.

Covid is still with us and it will be more important than ever to remain vigilant and avoid any contact which could put others at risk. Together we have all worked so hard to follow the guidelines and as we still have many people in our school community who have not been vaccinated we ask for your support to help us stay in school.

Thank you for your cooperation

Mrs. Frances Hannaway
Principal