



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are really looking forward to welcoming **all children back to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020**. Whilst we know that some families may feel anxious about their children returning we want to reassure you that we have been busy making plans for how we can help to keep everyone as safe and socially distanced as possible. A copy of our **risk assessment** is available on the school website and this shows the many steps that school has taken to ensure this.

To do this we have introduced **staggered start and finish times** for all children - please see the document accompanying this letter for a summary of the times for your child's year group. If you have more than one child attending school you should bring, and collect your children at the earliest time.

Eg. If you have a child in F2 and a sibling in Year 6 you should arrive at school at 8.45 to drop off and collect at 3.00. Staff will be on hand to support. Please see below for a summary of the times for each year group:

Year Group	Start time	End time
2 Year olds	8.45	11.45 (11.30 for first 4 weeks settling in period)
F1	8.55	11.45
F2	8.45	3.00
Y1/Y2	8.55	3.10
Y3/Y4	9.05	3.20
Y5/Y6	9.15	3.30

Please arrive on time to help reduce the number of people on the school site at any one time. Thank you.

Following this letter you will receive separate **guidance notes for each Year Group**, sharing the information parents/carers will need for the new school year, e.g. times, which entrance/exit, what children will need to wear/bring etc.

To avoid the need for children to change into PE kit, we are asking that **children wear a tracksuit and trainers ONLY on the day they have PE**. The relevant day of the week for each year group will be given to you by the class teacher when we return to school in September.



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We understand that all these changes may be confusing at first but **there will be plenty of staff available to help** guide you, so please don't worry.

Please also understand that we are not able to have parents on the school site unless this is by appointment. This is for the safety of all, and we encourage parents and carers to contact us (by phone, class DOJO or Parents App) if they feel they need to speak with a member of staff.

Please note - these plans are subject to review and change where necessary.

This period of being away from school for many of our children has been such a difficult time, and all of us are really looking forward to everyone returning. We want all our children to be back together with their friends learning together. Returning to school in September is compulsory for all children and not a choice **so please if you have any anxieties whatsoever contact us. Remember we are here to support you and your child in any way that we can.**

I cannot thank you enough for your support and endurance during this difficult period. I will be in touch with you again at the start of September but in the meantime from everybody at St Josephs' have a lovely summer, take care and stay safe.

Every blessing

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