



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER: Mrs M Hollis

'Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be'



Monday 1st February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are well and starting to settle into a lockdown routine. It is wonderful that so many children are now accessing the two daily Google Meet sessions offered by each class teacher. If you are still having difficulties please contact your child's class teacher or the school office. schooloffice@stjosephs-wallasey.wirral.sch.uk

We have now given out over 50 devices. I have been in touch with the local authority to inform them that we are in need for more devices. We have now used up all of the devices we have available which can be used from home. If you are still in need of a device please email the school office and your child's name will be placed on the waiting list. We will get these to you as soon as possible.

If any families are struggling for internet access, I have 60 BT Wi-Fi connection codes available for use. These codes link to local BT hotspots until July 2021. I also have 140 Mobile Broadband SIM cards, that you can use in your own mobile phone. Please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo or contact the school office if you require a Sim or a hotspot code.

This week our staff are being offered asymptomatic COVID-19 testing. This will be another measure that we are taking to keep our St Joseph's family safe. Staff will carry out testing twice a week.

As you may have heard from the government's most recent announcement schools will not start reopening until at least 8th March. We will continue to monitor the guidance and will be in touch once we know more.

We have been informed that hampers will be provided over the February half term for children eligible for a free school meal. You will not receive a £15 voucher for the February half term as the hamper will replace the vouchers. We will send further details out once they have been confirmed.

Last week, we received some sad news about a former member of staff, Claudia Marsh. Claudia, worked at St Joseph's for a short period of time in our Foundation Stage. Sadly, Claudia passed away on what would have been her 25th birthday. Please keep Claudia's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Many thanks for all that you are doing to support your children at home, we know it is a challenge trying to juggle life and home schooling. A reminder that our Mental Health and Wellbeing tab is now up and running on our website. This week we will be taking part in 'Children's Mental Health Week,' please look out for activities and assemblies that our teachers will be sharing.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Mrs Hollis