



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is fantastic to have everyone back together, welcome back! We are proud of how the children returned to school this morning and hope they enjoyed their day. We know that some children were anxious about the day ahead, which is to be expected. Please do let us know if your child is finding the return to school tricky, as we are here to help.

**In my newsletter on Friday, I requested that you show patience with us as we enter this return to school phase. I also outlined your responsibility as a parent during drop off and pick up. I must again ask that you follow social distancing guidelines and that you wear a face covering at the school gate. Please arrive at school just in time for your child's pick-up time and leave straight after pick up. These measures will ensure that there is enough space on the pavement for all parents to follow social distancing guidelines. Unfortunately, not all parents/carers followed these guidelines at pick up time today, which is disappointing. We must work together to keep our school community safe.**

Please remember, England is still in a national lockdown. You must stay at home, leaving only where permitted by law, and follow the rules in the [national lockdown: stay at home guidance](#).

Last week we were made aware that parents of school aged children can access weekly lateral flow tests. For those of you who are able to collect your kits in person, please go to any of Wirral's **symptomatic test sites in the afternoons** (no appointment needed). Details of where these sites are can be found at <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/covid-19-testing/covid-19-testing-people-who-have-symptoms>

For those that cannot collect their kits in person, they can order online and receive a home delivery using the following link: [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

**NOTE:**

- This home testing scheme is for those **without symptoms**. If you have symptoms, the usual routes apply
- The testing is voluntary. No-one can/should be forced to take part.
- If you choose the online ordering as oppose to the 'collect in person', you may not be provided with as many test kits.

Please return any laptops/devices that you had on loan. As outlined in the original agreement, these need to be returned to school within 7 days of today.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hollis  
Headteacher