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Parent Information Letter: Reopening of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School to all children

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, **school will reopen to all pupils on Monday 08th March 2021**. It will then become mandatory for all pupils to come to school daily, so parents will have a legal obligation to ensure their child/ren attend school. The only reasons for any authorised non-attendance will be if they are self-isolating due to Covid-19, are ill or attending a medical appointment. If your child is off for any of these reasons, please call the school office to notify us.

The arrangements for returning to school:

Start and end times of the day will continue to be staggered to fit in with the Government and DfE guidelines:

Reception – Start time 09.00am End time 3.00pm
Year 1 – Start time 08.55am End time 3.05pm
Year 2 – Start time 08.45am End time 3.15pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will come into school and exit the school through the morning entrance gate like they did in the autumn term.

Year 3 – Start time 08.50am End time 3.10pm
Year 4 – Start time 08.50am End time 3.10pm
Year 5 – Start time 08.45am End time 3.15pm
Year 6 – Start time 08.45am End time 3.15pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will come into school and exit school through the end of day gate for KS2.

At the end of the school day, one parent per household wearing a mask, will be allowed to come onto the KS1 playground and wait in a socially distanced line for their child/ren to be sent over to them. Then parents will need to follow the one-way system to the school gate.

When leaving the school premises, please **remember to stay socially distanced from other families and not to stand outside the school gates and on the pavements near the school talking**, this will help us to maintain the 'Class Bubbles' in school.

Expectations and procedures:

- Pupils will need to be in **full school uniform**, following the school's Uniform Policy.
- Pupils **will not wear masks in school**, though staff will wear masks when in communal areas or outside school at the beginning and end of the day.
- Pupils will need to bring in any reading books and CGP books on Monday 08th March. These will be kept in school until further notice.
- **Any laptops or school equipment lent out to pupils during Lockdown will need to be returned to school. Parents will be given a time and date to return the equipment to the school office.**
- Pupils will need to bring in a **water bottle daily**, with their name on it.
- **School will provide Free School Meals to pupils eligible**, so the **Free School Meal Vouchers will stop**. Free meals will again be provided for all pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2.

- **Only send in essential items in with the pupils** e.g. PE kits, book bags, lunch boxes (if not having a school meal), and a water bottle. No other personal belongings should be brought into school.
- **Breakfast club** will commence **from Monday 08th March at 07.45am**. Please **let school know by Friday 05th March if your child/ren will be requiring a place**.
Please can I ask **parents to try and limit the number of different wrap-around provisions used as we need to try and maintain the 'Class Bubbles'** as much as possible.

The measures that we have implemented to maintain the health and safety of the whole school community are:

- Teachers and Teaching Assistants to stay within their class bubbles as much as possible.
- Extra PPE available in classroom e.g. gloves, aprons, visors and masks.
- Classrooms to have windows open for ventilation (please ensure your child has extra white clothing on under their school uniform).
- Movement of staff around the school will be kept to a minimum.
- Staff to wear visors and/or masks when moving around the school building and grounds.
- Cleaning of any shared resources/equipment will take place regularly.
- Continue regular cleaning of communal areas.
- Regular handwashing for all staff and children.
- All the measures implemented last term will continue.
- Any homework set for years 3 to 6 will be set via Teams, which the children will be able to access via the Internet at home.

Measures you can put in place to support us in school:

- **Arrive on time** in the morning and afternoon to drop off and pick up your child/ren.
- **Wear a face covering (which covers the mouth and nose) while on the school grounds or in the building.**
- **Only have one adult living in your household to attend site to drop off or pick up your child/ren.**
- If you are in a **childcare support bubble (only one other household)** please inform school who is in this bubble.
- **Do not gather outside the school gates or the pavements around school** before and after dropping off or picking up your child/ren.
- **Reduce contact and conversations with other adults from outside your household** or support bubble.
- **Do not stay overnight or enter another household**, unless they are part of your support bubble.
- **If anyone in your household has symptoms of COVID do not send your child to school until the results of a test have come back negative. Please inform school straight away if your child or anyone in the household tests positive.**
- If your child/ren are having to self-isolate and are not ill, please support your child/ren with their home learning. Pupils in Years 3 to 6 will be able to access live streamed lessons from day 1 and pupils from Reception to Year 2 will be supplied with a weekly pack of work, which can be sent via email or printed off for someone to collect.
- **Please inform school if you have issues accessing the internet or your child has no or limited access to a device e.g. laptop, iPad or mobile phone, as school will be able to lend out a devices where the need arises, if children are self-isolating.**

From the 08th March the measures we must all follow are:

- Continue to follow the Hands, Face, Space Guidance.
 - Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.
 - Wear a face covering in indoor settings.
 - Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings that covers the mouth and nose).
- Stay at home or in your garden except where you have a reasonable excuse for example:
 - Work and/or volunteering (but try and work from home if you can)
 - Taking children to school
 - Shopping for food and drink
 - To visit people in your one support bubble

- Exercise outside alone, with your household or support bubble
 - Medical reasons
 - Acts of worship
- Do not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble.
 - Do not meet people in your garden, unless you live with them or are part of your support bubble.
 - When travelling on public transport wear a face covering, that covers the mouth and nose.
 - Avoid car sharing with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.
 - Do not leave your home or the place where you are living for holidays or overnight stays, this includes staying in a second home or caravan. (This means holidays in the UK and abroad are not allowed.)

I fully understand that parents are feeling anxious about the safety of their children and families at this time and want to reassure you all decisions taken in school are made with the safety of children and staff upper most in mind. Please do contact school if you have any concerns and we will talk through them with you.

God bless

Mrs M. Ashley,
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