

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Full Opening from September 2020 (Updated)

We are delighted that we will be welcoming back all children to St Joseph's in September. I would like to thank staff, parents, children, the Academy Committee and the Board of Directors for all their hard work and support during these very challenging times. It certainly has not been the school year we planned for! It is such a shame that Year 6 did not finish their time at St Joseph's in the way we would have hoped, but I wish them all the best in all they do in the future and thank them for being such an amazing year group.

You will have received a letter from Mrs Horan on behalf of the Board of Directors with information about the logistics of the full opening of school from September. This letter details specific information for St Joseph's School.

September 2020

St Joseph's intends to fully open from Tuesday 1st September 2020 and the arrangements for this transition are as follows:

Tuesday 1 st September 2020	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2020	Staff Training Day
Thursday 3 rd September 2020	Years 1- 6 return to school

Reception children -

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2020

10minute transition meeting in with Reception staff (separate details to follow).

Monday 7th September – Thursday 17th September morning / afternoon sessions for Reception children

Friday 18th September Reception in school full time

What are the start and finish times and what entrance will we use?

We ask that parents maintain social distancing and not gather in groups. Please follow the markings and signage when moving around the school site. Only one parent is allowed to drop off / pick up their child. Please note that the start and finish times for the first two weeks for Reception have been altered slightly from the information shared in the recent presentation. However, the staggered start and finish times will be reviewed regularly.

Please ensure children wash their hands for 20 seconds before they leave and arrive at home.

Revised Drop-off and Pick up times (16.07.20)

From September, children will be dropped off and picked up according to their surname rather than their year group (as stated in previous letter).

Please see below for the updated arrangements.

Year Group	Start	Finish
R Group A	9.15 Reception Gate (green gate into the Reception play area)	11.30 Reception Gate (green gate into the Reception play area)
R Group B	12.40 Reception Gate (green gate into the Reception play area)	2.55 Reception Gate (green gate into the Reception play area)
Surname		
A – B	8.45 Blue Gate by the main office	2.55 Blue Gate by the main office
C – E	8.45 Field Gate (green gate onto the field)	2.55 Field Gate (green gate onto the field)
F - J	8.55 Reception Gate (green gate into the Reception play area)	3.05 Reception Gate (green gate into the Reception play area)
K - M	8.55 Blue Gate by the main office	3.05 Blue Gate by the main office
N - S	8.55 Field Gate (green gate onto the field)	3.05 Field Gate (green gate onto the field)
T - Z	9.05 Reception Gate (green gate into the Reception play area)	3.15 Reception Gate (green gate into the Reception play area)

Will the kitchen be open?

The kitchen is open and will provide school dinners. Universal Infant Free School Meals will still be provided for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. There will be provision for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to have hot school dinners – or they can bring in a packed lunch from home if they wish.

No tuck will be available from the kitchen. Reception and KS1 children will receive free fruit. Children can bring in a healthy snack, not containing any nuts or prawns.

What will we need to bring to school?

Children must bring in a full water bottle.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to bring in a small pencil case (pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, sharpener and pencil crayons) which will be kept on their table.

Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be provided with stationery.

Children can bring in a school bag if necessary.

All children need to wear full school uniform.

On the days children have PE lessons, children will need to come into school in their PE kits, a tracksuit and trainers. They do not need to bring in any trainers on any other days.

How will I make contact with school?

Please phone the school office to make an appointment.

What will my children be learning?

The children's well-being is paramount. We will be focusing on PSHE activities (including The Rainbow Hour, Five Footsteps to Well-being and DPA music activities). We will also be focusing on English and maths. We will review this at half term.

Will there be any trips?

At present there are no educational visits planned before half term. We will continue to review this.

Will there be before and after school clubs?

Please contact Ms Parveen 07581214437 for more information about our Before and After School Club provision. We are currently contacting sports providers for updates on activities in school, e.g. netball, football and gymnastics. This will be updated when we have more information.

What should we do if there is any infection?

We must engage with the NHS Track and Trace process. Please let us know straight away if your child has a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste and smell. Arrange for a test straight away and let us know the results as soon as you have them. If bubbles, or the whole school, closes, there will be access to remote learning.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Thursday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Carry', written in a cursive style.

Mr Carry

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