



**St Joseph's R.C. Primary School**  
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Thursday 20th August 2020  
Dear Parents/Carers,

### **September 2020**

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school in September and I would like to provide you with some updated information regarding the arrangements for the safe, and full, opening of our school.

**I would ask that you also read our updated Protocol Document which can be found in the Coronavirus News section of our school website and has been updated to reflect current guidelines.**

School will open its doors to all children in **Reception to Year 6 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** and we will welcome our **Nursery children back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. As previously shared, we will operate a staggered entry and exit time in line with our Covid-19 Protocol Document.

The timings of the school day will be as follows:

<b>Class/Bubbles</b>	<b>Entry Time</b>	<b>Drop off and Pick up</b>	<b>Exit Times</b>
<b>Class 1/Bubble 1</b> Nursery and Reception	Between 8.35-8.45am	Main gates and enter Class 1's outdoor area via gate	3pm
<b>Class 2/Bubble 2</b> Years 1 and 2	Between 8.35-8.45am	Main gates onto school yard, round one-way system to Class 2's door	3pm
<b>Class 3/Bubble 3</b> Years 3 and 4	Between 8.50-9am	Main gates onto school yard, round one-way system to Class 3's door	3.15pm
<b>Class 4/Bubble 4</b> Years 5 and 6	Between 8.50-9am	Main gates onto school yard, round one-way system to Class 4's door	3.15pm

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**We understand that some families have children in different classes, therefore to make things easier for these families their times are 8.50am (entry) and 3.15pm (exit).**

Following Government guidance, we will be grouping our children into 'Bubbles' from September. Each Bubble will have separate allocated times for breaks and lunchtimes, and will not mix, wherever possible, with any other Bubble group.

We would ask that only **one adult** drops off and collects the child from class and everyone must **observe social distancing at all times** whilst on the school site. A one-way system will be in place on the school yard to help with social distancing and we ask that once your child is collected, you make your way swiftly out of the school grounds without congregating or socialising with other families.

### **Breakfast and Tea Time Clubs**

Thank you to those of you who returned the Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club Questionnaires.

We are pleased to inform you that breakfast club will be available from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and will **start at 7.45am every morning at a cost of £2 per pupil per day**, which is payable via Parent Pay. We encourage the children to arrive early because we stop serving food at 8.20am. Breakfast Club must be booked, and paid for, in advance so that we can organise provisions and staffing, again in line with our protocol document. Children will enter school, for Breakfast Club, via their Class/Bubble door as explained above.

Tea Time Club will also resume from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 3.15-5.15pm (4.15pm on Fridays).

<b>Session</b>	<b>Cost</b>
3.15pm-4.15pm	£2.50 per child
3.15pm-5.15pm	£5.00 per child

We ask that children are picked up from Tea Time Club from the main entrance. As you know, the entrance area is very small so please ring the bell, wait outside and keep your distance from other adults collecting their child.

### **School Dinners**

A reminder that school dinners will increase in price from September from £2.05 to £2.10 for children in Years 3–6. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they will receive Universal Free School meals and therefore you will not be required to pay for their meals. From September, if you pay for school dinners, please ensure that all ParentPay accounts are kept up-to-date.

### **Equipment**

We have made some lovely stationary packs for each child in the school, so we would ask that no equipment is brought into school.

School has purchased every child, including Nursery, a book/homework bag and a PE drawstring bag. At the beginning of the term, we will give the children these gifts and we

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ask that these are the only bags brought into school. We hope that the children will take care of these bags as they can be used throughout their time at St Joseph's.

As you will understand, we are taking every measure possible to keep our children safe and have thought very carefully about space and easing congestion throughout the day. Children are allowed to bring into school a packed lunch (in a disposable bag where possible) and a water bottle (named).

Class teachers will send information out at the beginning of term to explain individual class routines, including PE and when and what to bring in.

### **Staffing Update**

We are delighted to share that we have appointed an additional Teaching Assistant to our team. Ms Rosie will join us in September and she will support children who require individual programmes and interventions across school.

We really understand that parents/carers, family members, and the children, will be feeling many different emotions about school re opening. However, we are well prepared and feel very excited about our children coming back. If you have any particular worries or concerns about school opening, please do not hesitate in contacting me at [stjosephsblackhall@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stjosephsblackhall@durhamlearning.net)

Enjoy the rest of the summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Ashton  
Head Teacher