



St Joseph's  
Catholic Primary School



16 October, 2020

Dear Families,

Next week's statement to live by is

*I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others*

We have had a great response to the questionnaire that was sent out at the beginning of this week. Thank you. If you have not done so already please complete and return the questionnaire by Thursday 22 October.

Like most schools we are developing plans for online delivery of learning and teaching in the event that children cannot attend school. This is a new way of working for many schools and it will take time to develop. We need to ensure that what we do is something that everyone understands and works for everyone, and is safe.

Children will be bringing home an 'Online Safety Code of Conduct'. This sets out the expectations and safety measures for online learning. Please sign and return this to school by Thursday 22 October. It is very important that we have a signed agreement for ALL children.

We are very happy and pleased to have remained fully open to all children. Remember we can only stay open for everyone as long as we all stay well.

Please remember to keep your distance when dropping off / collecting children and leave the yard promptly at the beginning / end of the day.

We have a one-way system in place at the end of the day (the only exception to this is those families with pushchairs/buggies). This one-way of movement allows parents to access the school grounds at a safe distance and enables staff to clearly see the adult collecting the child. For obvious reasons staff must be able to see who is collecting the child. Please ensure you follow this one-way system as the health and safety of the children is paramount.

We are very pleased to report that as of this week we have had no pupils with a positive test result. Please remain vigilant and if any of your family display symptoms then you must follow the guidance regarding self-isolation. If your child or anybody in your household develops any of the symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change to your sense of smell and taste) **you should self-isolate, seek a test and inform school as soon as possible.**

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If your child is absent for any reason, please ensure you inform school as we must know why children are not in school. If your child has a Covid19 symptom or received a positive Covid test result, school **must** be told so we can act promptly to minimise further infection within our community. Thank you.

### School Meals

Years 3 and 4 will be having their school meal in the hall from Monday 19 October. A hot meal will be provided. School meals are £2.20

### Health and Safety

Please remember, for children with long hair, this must be tied back for school. This is important for health and safety reasons and helps prevent the spread of head lice. Please take the opportunity during half term to check your child's hair and treat if required.

### Packed Lunches

Please find attached information for what to provide in your child's packed lunch. This information is also available on our school website. Sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks are not permitted. Please follow the guidelines for cutting up items of food. We have children in school with nut allergies. **No food containing nuts is to be brought into school.** Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Please remember to check our website regularly for information.

And finally ... a reminder

Friday 23 October, 2020 is a staff training day - school is **closed** to children

Half term holiday - Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October

School re-opens Monday 2 November, 2020.

God bless

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