

Education Resources
Executive Director – Tony McDaid

St Joseph's Primary School and Nursery Class
20th August 2020



Dear Parent,

Welcome to All

A warm welcome to the children who have returned to the nursery and to all our new children who are settling into their new environment.

Our Learning Environment

Due to Covid -19 circumstances, the children will currently work in 'pods' inside and outside the nursery. Each 'pod' will be supported by two staff members. Children will stay with the same staff and children throughout the day to minimise the risk of infection. To maximise the use of outdoors, the children will also have access to the school playground. As we will be outside for much of the day, we ask that your child attends nursery wearing appropriate clothing. On a warm and sunny day, if children could wear a long sleeved top, sunhat and sun cream. On a colder day, if children could wear a jacket/rain jacket, wellies and warm clothes. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed at all times.

Sign In Routine

In June, we sent out a letter to all of our families, returners and new starts. Please refer to this information as it outlines your child's days at nursery for the coming few weeks. We have staggered sign in and sign out times to cut down on congestion, allowing for social distancing.

The sign in times are 8.45 – 9.15

The sign out times are 2.45 – 3.15



Please note, if your child attends nursery on a **Mon/Tues/Wed am** only, their pick up time on a **Wednesday** is between:-

11.45-11.55. Children must be picked up no later than 11.55 on this day.

Please note, if your child attends nursery on a **Wed pm/Thurs/Fri**, their drop off/ pick up time on a **Wednesday only** is: - 1pm-1.15 and 3.55-4.10. Children must be collected no later than 4.10 on this day.

When signing your child in or out of nursery, one adult will be allowed into the nursery 'Bubble' area at a time. Adults will not be permitted to enter the nursery room. A staff member will accompany your child into the nursery room. If you wish to communicate information to the nursery or your child's keyworker, can we please ask that you do so via telephone on 01698 825121 or by email office@st-josephs-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk as parents and visitors are not permitted within the nursery, at this time.

Personal Belongings

Children will not be allowed to bring any personal belongings into nursery for health and safety purposes.

Personal Learning Plan

Over the next few weeks, we will be asking all parents to set their child's personal learning targets for term 1. Further information to follow in due course.

Change of Clothes

We would ask that you please provide a change of underwear, top and bottoms for your child, clearly labelled with your child's name. Please place the change of clothing in your child's bag. These will only be used in the event of your child's clothes getting wet.



Birthdays

In the interest of Health and Safety, we ask that parents do not bring in a birthday cake or treats to the nursery if it is your child's birthday. The nursery staff will ensure your child's birthday is celebrated in lots of different ways. We really appreciate your co-operation with this.

Snack

Snack is prepared by the school dinner staff and is delivered to the nursery in individual bags. The children eat their snack with their friends and keyworkers within their pods.



Hand Washing

We ask that all children sanitise their hands when entering the nursery Bubble. Children will also wash their hands after visiting the toilet as well as before and after snack/lunch and being outdoors.

Coughs and Sneezes

Children will be encouraged to catch coughs and sneezes, ideally in a tissue or if not, in the crook of their arm. There will be separate bins within the nursery to collect the used tissues and allow them to be disposed of properly.

Feeling Unwell

If your child displays Covid 19 related symptoms, please do not send them to nursery and follow NHS advice.

Working in Partnership

As we begin this new year, we are mindful that nursery life is a little bit different from normal. Our main focus over the coming weeks will be on Health and Wellbeing. Our aim is to build strong relationships with every one of our children, ensuring that they feel safe and happy during their time at nursery. We also aim to work in partnership with all of our parents, carers and wider agencies.

Updates

Any changes or updates to our routine or any important information we wish to pass onto you will be uploaded to the nursery section in St. Joseph's Primary School Website and Twitter page.

Holidays / In-service Days for this Session

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| Sep week-end | Fri 25th, Mon 28th Sep |
| Mid-term | Mon 12th – Fri 16th Oct |
| In-service Day | Mon 16th Nov |



Dates for Diary

Our next meeting is –

PTA AGM – 8th September 6pm (TBC)

Parent Council AGM – 8th September 7pm (TBC)

Yours sincerely

Claire Louise Mullen
Depute Head Teacher

