

# St. Joseph's PS & NC



## February News Update

The new school and nursery session has been an unusual and challenging start to the New Year 2021 for many children and their families. The extension to the period of remote of learning has required many families and staff to juggle life, learning and work commitments and it is to the credit of the whole school and nursery community that our children are engaging with a wide range of learning and health and well-being opportunities through Google Classroom, Google Meet, Website and additional online resources. School staff are delighted to have included 'Google Meet live interaction' experiences in class remote learning offers. Nursery staff are looking forward to commencing a programme of Google Meets for nursery learners commencing week beginning 15th of February 2021.

### Scottish Government's Announcement 2nd of February 2021

As a result of the Scottish Government's announcement on 2nd of February 2021, regarding the **possible** return of ELC (Nursery) and Primaries 1 to 3 children from 22nd of February 2021, new contingency plans will be drafted to enable the school and nursery to be able to implement this direction if it is confirmed. A further update will be provided after 16th February 2021, once confirmation of the Scottish Government's decision and South Lanarkshire Council's guidelines become available. As a result, for the period 11th of February to 19th February 2021, the current model of remote learning provision will continue as planned. Please note class teachers and nursery staff will advise children/parents/carers of any scheduled Google Meets using Google Classroom (School) and Google Calendar (Nursery) platforms.

### Emergency In- Establishment Provision

For eligible vulnerable children and the children of two key workers or single parent key worker, 'Emergency In-Establishment Provision' will continue to be offered during the period of remote learning.

Please ensure requests for provision for the following week are emailed to the school office by Friday at 11am prior to the week you require placement to enable for preparation of allocated numbers. Please ensure you identify in your request the days and times required. Reminder, the children of key workers who are working from home or are at home for other purposes (excluding sleeping after a night shift) are not eligible for provision on those dates. Eligible key workers who are working a back shift pattern can request their child(ren) attend the provision from a responsible time prior to starting work for the day.

### Celebration of Sacraments

In accordance with St. Joseph's Parish Bulletin 31st January 2021, dates for the celebration of First Reconciliation and Confirmation will be reviewed as restrictions are eased. The celebration of Confirmation, which was due to have been conferred on 4th of February 2021, has now been delayed to a later unconfirmed date.

Many thanks to all parents/carers who are supporting the children so well to continue their learning at home and for your continued flexibility and understanding of the rapidly changing and developing nature of the current circumstances.

Yours sincerely  
Claire-Louise Mullen  
Depute Head Teacher

05.02.21

Education Resources  
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Head Teacher: Mrs Jacqueline Ross

## Timeline February 2021

- 02.02.21

PTA Meeting 6pm—Zoom Meet

- 04.02.21

Confirmation delayed

- 08.02.21—10.02.21

February Holiday and Inset Day - School and Nursery closed to pupils 8th to 10th.

- 16.02.21

Parent Council 7pm—Zoom Meet

- 22.02.21

Possible return of ELC (Nursery) and P1-3 pupils—Awaiting further update / confirmation.

**Please follow NHS Inform, Test and Protect and Contact Tracing Guidance! Please do not attend school if your child or member of your household is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if you have been advised by contact tracers to self-isolate.**