

St. Joseph's Primary Welcome Back!!



We look forward to the return of all pupils to our school on Monday! As always, the health and wellbeing of our pupils is at the forefront of all we do. Routines within school will remain as they were before the summer break- this will help us all remain safe in school as outside restrictions are eased and will be reviewed in the weeks ahead. This leaflet is a wee reminder of the main routines for your information and to allow you to discuss and reassure your child as they return after the summer break.

Arrival and Dismissal

The playground gate will open at 8.45am and on arrival children will be guided by staff to the designated playground zone for their new stage. Children should aim to be in the yard for 8.55am to be ready to line up on the bell at 9am. (NB These arrangements are for Primary 2 to 7 children; new Primary 1 children have been given details of their specific arrangements.) Except for school bus children, all children will be dismissed into their zones in the yard at 3pm, parents should wait in these zones for them This should allow for social distancing of adults.

Breaks and Lunch

Both morning interval and lunch breaks will be staggered into two time slots. This will allow for less congestion in the yard and dinner hall. Children should not share food or snacks.

Hand Washing



We will continue with our hand washing routines, washing our hands as we enter and leave the building in the morning and lunch breaks. There are sinks in every classroom and hand sanitising stations at the main doors. Children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day, including before and after eating.



Coughs and Sneezes!

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

<u>Toilets</u>

Children will be shown the toilets they should use when in school and encouraged to wash hands thoroughly after use.



Keep Your Distance!

Class groups will be kept separate as much as is possible throughout the day. For their safety all staff will remain 2 metres apart from each other and children.

Personal Belongings

We ask that children do not bring personal toys and games into school. Pencil cases are not necessary as children will be provided with their own individual tray, pencil pot and resources. Any pencil cases which children may have will be kept in their bags.

Bags and Jackets

Bags and packed lunches will be kept at the children's own desk in class. Jackets and outdoor shoes will be kept in the class cloakroom.



Wee Reminder: Children need indoor plimsolls- these should be plain black, for wearing inside the school building.

One Way System

There is a one-way system in operation within the school to allow for separation of both class groups and staff. This will continue into the new school year. Children are very familiar with this, but staff will support them to use this again when we return.

Bus Children

Children will no longer be required to wear a face covering/mask when using the school bus.



Any Changes and Updates

Any changes and updates to our routine or any important information we wish to pass onto you will be emailed to you, uploaded to our website and to twitter. Please ensure we have an up to date email address where we can send these updates.