

Education Resources
Executive Director – Tony McDaid

St Joseph's Primary School and Nursery Class
27th August 2021



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

Our nursery is currently split into 'pods'. Your child will learn and explore with their own group and Keyworker within their 'pod'. We are very fortunate to have our own nursery space immediately outdoors as well as access to the whole school playground, garden, MUGA and Trim Trail area. As we will be outside for much of the day, we ask that your child attends nursery wearing appropriate clothing.

Sign In/Out Routine

The sign in times are 8.45 – 9.15

The sign out times are 2.45 – 3.15

When entering the nursery grounds and the 'Bubble' area, please ensure all adults wear a mask, unless medically exempt. When signing your child in or out of nursery, only one adult is permitted 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 the Team Leader on the 'Bubble' area or via telephone on 01698 825121 or by email office@st-josephs-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.

Risk Assessment

Education resources & St. Joseph's Primary and Nursery Class Risk assessment is now available on our website. Please ensure that you take some time to read the important information within, to help you, our children and the staff stay as safe as they possibly can.

Personal Belongings

Please encourage your child not to bring any personal belongings into nursery for health and safety purposes.

One to One Keyworker Meetings

Over the course of the next few weeks, keyworkers will be meeting with parents to complete essential paperwork. This will also provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's Keyworker and answer any questions that parents may have. We hope this opportunity will increase our parental partnerships.

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/Lunch

The children eat their snack in the nursery with their friends and keyworkers within their pods. Children enjoy their lunch in the school Dining Hall.

Hand Washing

All Children wash their hands for 20 seconds on arrival at the nursery building, 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.

Absence Reporting

To ensure children form good routines and achieve the best from their education, it is vital that they attend nursery regularly and on time. If your child displays Covid-19 related symptoms, please do not send them to nursery and follow NHS advice. Please telephone the office if your child is absent. **If your child's absence is COVID-19 related, we ask that you notify the nursery as soon as possible for data information.**

Communication

St. Joseph's Primary School and Nursery Class have their own website that is updated on a regular basis. Please keep an eye out for the latest information <http://www.st-josephs-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/>. We also have a Twitter account for regular information [St.Joseph's PS&NC](#). Please sign the Twitter agreement paperwork and return to nursery as soon as possible and **request to follow us on the Twitter account**. We will endeavour to accept your request as soon as the paperwork is submitted.

Donations

If you would like to contribute a small donation to the nursery, a small donations box is available at the sign in/out area. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to enhance the learning within the nursery.

Car Free Zone

In November 2019 an information session and consultation exercise took place to propose the introduction of a car free zone around St. Joseph's Primary & Nursery Class. Following on from this, the proposed date for implementation of the Car Free Zone scheme to start is, Tuesday 28th September 2021, after the September weekend break. In order to keep you up to date we have put a link on to our school website. Should you have any queries regarding this new scheme please refer to the information on this website in the first instance. Further details from the Traffic and Transport Team will follow over the next couple of weeks.

Holidays / In-service Days for this Session

Sep week-end	Fri 24th, Mon 27th Sep
Mid-term	Mon 11th – Fri 15th Oct
In-service Day	Mon 15th Nov



Dates for Diary

Our next meeting is –
PTA AGM – (TBC)
Parent Council AGM – (TBC)

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Ross
Head Teacher

