

10.09.20

St. Joseph's PS & NC



September School News Update

A huge thank you to all children and parents/carers for their ongoing support and implementation of school safety measures. The children have settled well to school life and have adapted to our 'new normal' with ease. The children are fully compliant with hand washing / sanitizing procedures and are trying hard to remember to keep a 2m distance from adults. Children are fully aware of their play zones for entry and exit to the school and for intervals and lunches. Bus children are remembering to wear face coverings for their journey.

Next-Steps in our Journey towards our 'New Normal'

Homework

Homework will begin from Monday 7th September 2020. It is important to build our homework activities gradually to support pupil re-engagement in learning and to take account of learners' social and emotional needs on return to school. Homework will be provided on Google Classroom from September 30th September to minimise transfer of resources from school to home. Homework jotters will be provided. Homework jotters **should not** be returned to school at the present time. Pictures of completed homework can be taken and uploaded to Google Classroom for teacher view. Printed diaries will be in use to provide information detailing your child's homework. It is recommended that school's sustain their use of online platforms e.g. Google Classroom as a contingency for any further requirement for children to access home learning. Paper copies will be available if digital access is not available.

PE

PE will continue to take place outdoors. PE will include core PE and active health PE. Children will only be required to wear PE kit for core PE. On core PE day, it is advised that children wear white polo-shirts, self-coloured black or navy trainers and a waterproof jacket to school to reduce changing requirements. Children can change into shorts or jogging trousers, as appropriate to weather conditions.

School Shoes

Children are asked to wear self-coloured black or navy only shoes/boots to school. From Wednesday 30th September, children will be asked to change into their indoor shoes inside the school building.

Many Thanks

Claire-Louise Mullen

Depute Head Teacher

Education Resources

Executive Director: Mr Tony McDaid

Head Teacher: Mrs Jacqueline Ross

Timeline September 2020

- 07.09.20

Homework to be introduced gradually.

- 08.09.20—6pm– 6.45pm

PTA Microsoft Teams meeting for existing members only.

- 08.09.20—7pm– 8pm

Parent Council Microsoft Teams meeting for existing members only. [Please contact the school office by 16th September if you wish to join the Parent Council and provide an email address for Zoom.](#)

- 11.09.20

Virtual elections for Head Boy and Head Girl on Microsoft Teams.

- 18.09.20

Virtual House Captain elections on Microsoft Teams.

- 21.09.20

Virtual elections for Vice and Junior House Captains in class with Microsoft Teams.

- 23.09.20

Re-introduction of cloakroom use for jackets only.

- 24.09.20

Pupil Council elections in class.

- 25.09.20-28.09.20

September Weekend Holiday

- 29.09.20

[Newly scheduled in-service day for staff only. School closed to pupils.](#)

- 30.09.20

Planned re-introduction of indoor shoes.

**Reminder Annual Data Checks should be returned to the school office ASAP. These are essential in the event of an emergency!!
For safety, lunch boxes, water bottles, clothing items can not be accepted into the school in the course of the school day.**

Access to email, Twitter and the school website is recommended for receipt of regular updates!